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COMMENT OF THE DAY

HUMILITY

WHILE we commiserate with our American friends about their failure to launch a satellite, we are surprised to find such an hysterical outburst of feeling from many sections of the United States press.

Someone had to be first, and the USSR happened to be first. It is an historical fact, and not all the indignation or recrimination can alter one detail of it.

We do feel, however, that good might come of it. Perhaps it was the "shot in the arm" America needed.

Surrounded by a standard of living undreamed of a generation ago, the American public is in the main unaware of, and at times indifferent to, the world outside America.

Every Field

CONFIDENT of her supremacy in almost every field of technical achievement, she has received a shock. The lesson has been driven home that other people can achieve events also, and great ones at that.

This is a lesson that can be learned only through such an experience as the Americans learned last weekend, and if they learn the lesson well, it should lead that great country on to mightier achievements.

Her best friends have felt at times that they were poor relations who might be useful sometime, whereas, the real greatness recognizes that even the humblest neighbour might have something worthwhile to offer.

Scant Favour

BRITAIN'S achievements in the scientific field are such that no country can ignore them, yet time and again in these past few years, she has been sent on her way, and her overtures for a pooling of knowledge have received scant favour.

In time of war, there existed no such uneasy relations. A common peril drew us closer, and together we harnessed these terrible new forces to destroy a common enemy.

Surely then in more peaceful pursuits, we should draw even closer together, for the good of all mankind. For in that ideal, we claim to share a common heritage.

At the moment, America feels down-hunted about her failure, but there is no need to feel down and out.

Best Thing

PERHAPS this lesson in humility is the best thing yet in this young nation's destiny.

As we see it, she is destined to teach the world a far greater lesson than the wonderful laboratory experiment of tossing a ball into the sky.

She has shown the world that all men can live peacefully together, and if she can go one step forward and not be too anxious to give, but humble enough to receive also, then nothing but good can come of last week's temporary failure.

And that is the wish of all her true friends.

ISLAND-WIDE RIOTING IN CYPRUS

Over 100 People Injured And 133 Arrested

Nicosia, Dec. 9. At least 103 people, including 18 members of the security forces, were injured and 133 Cypriots arrested throughout Cyprus today in the worst outbreak of rioting ever staged during the two-year-old Cyprus emergency.

Turkey Says Extremists Blocked Solution

United Nations, Dec. 9. Turkey declared today that the Cypriot Orthodox Church and "extremists" had blocked a solution to the Cyprus dispute because they sought the annexation of the Mediterranean island by Greece.

Speaking to the General Assembly's Main Political Committee in the afternoon session, Mr. Selim Sirper of Turkey stated that attempts to "impose a unilateral solution with the aid of such tactics as violence, terrorism, propaganda and misrepresentation of facts can have no possibility of success."

He said that Greece's refusal to join Turkey and Britain in talks about Cyprus had prevented implementation of last February's UN resolution expressing desire for a peaceful solution through negotiation.

Mr. Sirper's speech followed opening addresses by Britain and Greece. The Greek Foreign Minister, Evangelos Averoff-Tossizza, reiterated demands for the application of self-determination to Cyprus while the British Minister of State, Cdr Allan Noble, repeated Britain's view that tripartite negotiations could prepare the way for general talks with Cypriot representatives to find an acceptable solution.

Mr. Sirper said that the UN resolution of February still offered the basis for a settlement. —United Press.

Paris Prepares For Eisenhower

Paris, Dec. 9. President Dwight Eisenhower is very likely to take part in the top-level North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Conference here on December 16 and preparations are being made for his visit, American officials said today.

These officials, together with French authorities, are taking steps to ensure the safety and comfort of the President, who is expected to stay at the private home of American Ambassador Amory Houghton.

Some 20 American police, several of them now in Paris, will co-operate with French police in insuring President Eisenhower's security on his arrival on December 15 and during his visit. —France-Press.

Satellite Sale

Amsterdam, Dec. 9. A "For Sale" sign was found today outside the American Consulate in Amsterdam. The sign, promptly removed by police, read: "For sale: A small lot of artificial satellites with slight defects. For information inquire within." —France-Press.

Senior UN Official Suspended From Duty

New York, Dec. 9. A senior United Nations official from Denmark has been suspended from duty "pending further investigations as a result of his non-compliance with instructions from his superiors," it was announced tonight.

An official statement identified the man as Mr. Poul Bang-Jensen, a Senior Political Affairs Officer in the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs.

It said: "It is not the practice of the United Nations to make any announcements on internal personnel questions. However, since reports from other sources relating to Mr. Bang-Jensen have been published, the following statement is made by the United Nations Secretariat."

"Mr. Bang-Jensen, a Senior Political Affairs Officer in the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs, has been suspended from duty pending further investigation as a result of his non-compliance with instructions from his superiors."

INSTRUCTED

"In accordance with established practice, he was instructed at the conclusion of his duties as a member of the Secretariat staff assigned to the special committee on the problem of Hungary to turn over to the Secretariat for safe custody under seal, official documents in his possession relating to the work of the committee."

It was reliably understood that the official documents referred to in tonight's statement explained the names of Hungarian expatriates who gave evidence to the committee, which held hearings in this country and in Europe about last year's revolt.

Sources close to the Secretariat said that Mr. Bang-Jensen regarded himself as the custodian of the information to which he alone was privy. They said he took the view that he would not hand over, even to the Secretary-General, would amount to a breach of the trust which the witnesses had reposed in him. —Reuters.

DUKE OF YORK AND ANSON TO BE BROKEN UP

London, Dec. 9. Two 35,000-ton British battleships, the Anson and the Duke of York, are to be broken up for scrap, it was announced here tonight.

Shipbreaking Industries Limited, a private firm, said the battleships had been allocated to it for breaking up at Faslane on the Gareloch in Scotland. The work was expected to take up to two years, a statement added.

The Anson and the Duke of York have been in Britain's "mothball fleet" for five and six years respectively.

IN HONGKONG

The Anson, launched in 1940 and completed in 1942, served with the home fleet until 1944. For the last five months of the Pacific war, she was the flagship of the First Battle Squadron. Anson's major task was the occupation of Hongkong and she was the largest draught vessel ever to enter the port.

The Duke of York, completed towards the end of 1941, began her service career by taking the then Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill on his secret journey to the United States to meet President Roosevelt. The Duke of York was present at the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay.

Both battleships were designed to carry ten 14-inch and sixteen 5.25-inch guns. —Reuters.

Over 1000 Indonesians Stranded In Singapore Harbour

Singapore, Dec. 9. Nearly 1,000 Indonesians are stranded in Singapore Harbour. They are passengers aboard more than 20 KPM Royal Dutch steamship company ships now swinging round the anchor in Singapore's "rotten row."

US State Department Expert For Indonesia

Washington, Dec. 9. A senior State Department expert is on his way to Djakarta on an annual fact-finding trip and will make a special appraisal of the strained relations between Indonesia and the Netherlands, authoritative sources said tonight.

The official, Mr. Gordon Mein, Director of the State Department's office of Southwest Pacific Affairs, left Washington at the weekend and was expected to arrive in the Indonesian capital on Wednesday.

State Department sources said they did not believe that Mr. John Foster, Dulles, the Secretary of State, had given Mr. Mein any special instructions.

COURTESY CALL

While in Djakarta, it was planned that Mr. Mein should confer with the United States Ambassador, Mr. John M. Allison, and other members of the embassy staff.

State Department officials said that as a matter of courtesy Mr. Mein would also meet officials of the Indonesian Foreign Ministry.

It was reported that there were no special plans for him to confer with Netherlands diplomatic representatives, but if he did so he would probably also call on the British and Australian staffs. —Reuters.

AMSTERDAM EXCHANGE DECLINE

Amsterdam, Dec. 9. Shares on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange, especially those of shipping companies and firms with interest in Indonesia, declined further today, after a week of steadily falling quotations under the pressure of anti-Dutch measures in Indonesia.

Shipping companies with lines to Indonesia suffered losses between 5 to 10 points. Leading plantation firms lost up to four points.

The decline was not caused by heavy selling, but by a lack of buyers. Turnover was small. —United Press.

Bus Workers

London, Dec. 9. Delegates representing London's 53,000 busworkers tonight ignored a recommendation of their union leaders and decided not to send a new 25 shillings a week pay claim to arbitration.

Instead, the 120 depot delegates demanded new talks with the London Transport executive and powers to call a strike if the claim is turned down again. A union spokesman said: "The delegates have rejected the recommendation to go to arbitration because they have lost faith in arbitration since Government pronouncements on the subject." —China Mail Special.

FIFTEEN KILLED IN TRAIN CRASH

Codogno, Dec. 9. The Milan-Rome Express rammed through a truck-and-trailer at 80 miles per hour in fog and darkness tonight in an explosion-like crash that scattered heavy pieces of twisted steel a quarter of a mile around.

By midnight 15 were known dead and 36 injured. There were fears that two would not survive the night.

THICK FOG

A thick fog hanging over the flat, fertile countryside was blamed for the disaster, which occurred at 6.30 p.m. at a level crossing just outside this tiny railway station 35 miles south-east of Milan.

Enrico Bigoli, 23, at the wheel of a trailer-truck loaded with feed grain, apparently failed to see the barriers of the level crossing come down slowly in the fog and darkness.

The truck was caught in between on the tracks. Seconds later the train roared in at 80 miles per hour.

BADLY WRECKED

The four-coach electric express rammed into the front section of the huge diesel truck and trailer. The motor car and the first two coaches were badly wrecked. They jumped the tracks and lumbered several yards into Codogno Station where they crashed into a local one-coach train standing on a side track.

It was the worst Italian train wreck since February 15, 1953, when an express crashed at Benevento, in southern Italy, killing 22 and injuring 103. —United Press.

South Africa Offers Dutch Homes

Capetown, Dec. 9. The Government of South Africa has offered to take in 1,000 Dutch people expelled from Indonesia.

Announcing this today, Dr. Eben Dönges, Minister for the Interior, said: "We cannot be indifferent to the plight of

Bomb Threat At Embassy

Ottawa, Dec. 9. Every available police officer in the Ottawa area rushed to the Indonesian Embassy shortly after noon today when a mysterious caller telephoned to say he was preparing to bomb the building.

Squads of police cruisers converged on the building but a thorough check of the premises failed to find any trace of explosives.

Later Det-Insp. James Cameron said: "We think the threat was the work of someone who wanted to get his name in the newspapers."

"Our men worked the building over from roof to basement but found absolutely nothing," he said. —United Press.

citizens of one of our home countries."

Selection of the 1,000 immigrants would take place in Holland, he said. Apart from breadwinners whose trade would influence selection, dependants would also be provided for, and existing migration arrangements would be used as far as possible. —Reuters.

SPANISH TROOPS WITHDRAW

Rabat, Dec. 9. Spanish troops in Ifni are withdrawing to a semi-circle around Sidi Ifni, capital of the Spanish enclave in Moroccan territory, it was reported here tonight.

A dispatch from the correspondent in the Ifni zone of Agence Centrale de Presse, a French News Agency, said the troops were "voluntarily abandoning" military posts in the mountainous part of the enclave. The withdrawal was being accomplished without fighting.

Spanish sources in Rabat said they believed the Spanish authorities had decided to pull back their troops to a perimeter about 12 miles from Sidi Ifni in order to hold this line against insurgent tribesmen while the dispute over the future of the enclave was settled by negotiation between the Spanish and Moroccan Governments or through other international means. —Reuters.

A Hot Foot

Brantford, Conn., Dec. 9. Anthony Czopkouch, 60, was in a hospital today after he rubbed alcohol on his aching feet and held them over an open coal stove. The alcohol caught fire and burned his right foot seriously. —United Press.

FRESH

LUCKY STRIKE

from the U.S.A.

MALAYA'S TERRORISTS ON RETREAT

Singapore, Dec. 10. Straits Times Kuala Lumpur Editor, Harry Miller, said in a special article today that 500 of Malaya's toughest terrorists had retreated to the Thai border.

He said they were living in large camps, each well-defended and strategically-sited. There in the hills,

jungle-covered border country the Communists had rare opportunities for resting, re-training and re-indoctrination.

Miller said, however, that terrorist leader Chin Peng was isolated from all his units, except those in Perak and Kedah States, adjoining Thailand.

The Communist organisations in the southern states, once terror-bulwarks, were crumbling, and there were many indications of the people's growing resistance against the Communists.

Miller said there was every cause for optimism about ending the war without Chin Peng's surrender. —Reuters.

KING'S PRINCESS

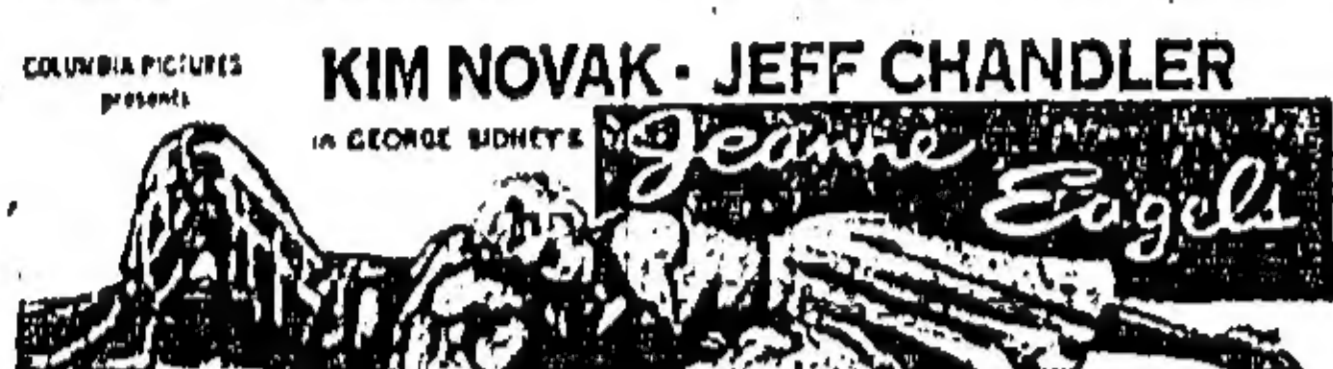
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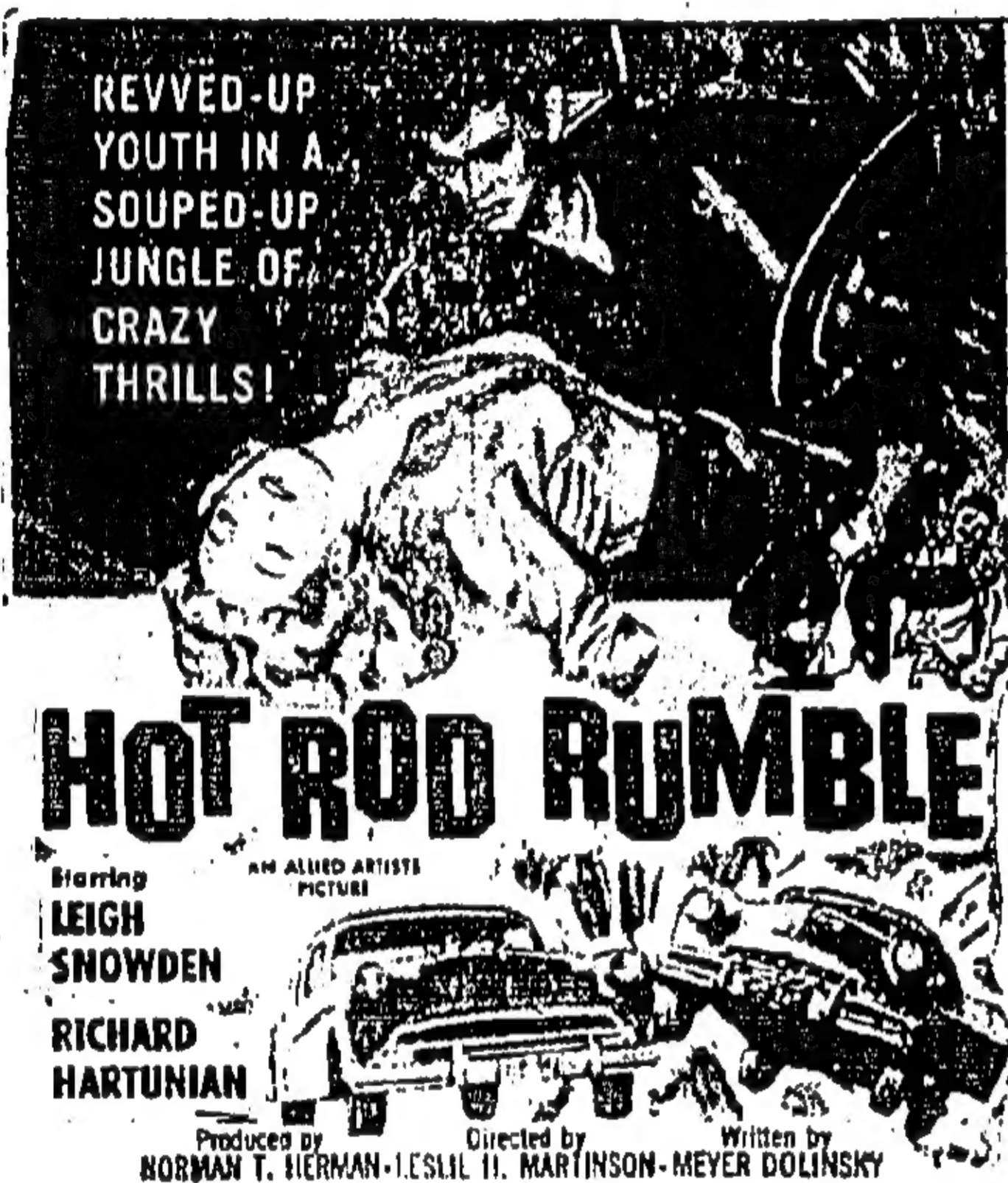
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EISENHOWER'S PROPOSED REQUEST TO CONGRESS:

PLAN TO CUT US TARIFFS

5-Year Extension

Of Trade

Agreements Act

Washington, Dec. 9.

President Eisenhower will ask Congress next month for authority to negotiate a 25 per cent cut in United States tariffs over the next five years, it was officially announced today.

A joint announcement by the State Department and the Commerce Department said: "Countries of the Free World must make new efforts to reinforce their unity and economic strength in the face of the intensified challenge presented by international Communism."

The President's power to negotiate on tariffs with other countries is governed by the Trade Agreements Act, due to expire on June 30, 1958.

Today's announcement said the Administration had informed Congressional leaders at the White House Legislative conference on December 3 that it would ask for a five-year extension.

The President would be authorised to cut tariff rates by 5 per cent annually during that period.

Political observers forecast a prolonged and bitter battle in Congress. Protectionist interests are expected to launch a strong attack on the measure, and introduce restrictive amendments. The outcome of such a battle remains uncertain.

Today's announcement said that as an alternative to five per cent reductions annually for five years, the President could "reduce a duty by this same total amount over a three-year period if no yearly reduction exceeded 10 per cent of the duty."

Two other alternative methods of cutting duties would be open to the President under the new proposals: By three percentage points and valorem, without any yearly reduction exceeding one percentage point; Alternatives

To fifty per cent ad valorem if an existing duty were bigger than that amount. In such cases not more than one-third of the total reduction could be made in any one year.

These, the announcement said, would be alternative methods which could not be used cumulatively. "All safeguards for American industry contained in the present Act would be continued," the announcement said. "In addition, increased authority will be sought to raise duties to remedy threatened or actual serious injury to domestic industries when found necessary after escape clause investigations."

"The President would be authorised to raise the duty in such cases to 50 per cent above the rate of duty in effect on July 1, 1934 (instead of 80 per cent above the lower duties of July 1, 1945, as in existing law)."

Mr. Sinclair Weeks, the Secretary of Commerce, said in a statement the new proposals were "a far-sighted constructive legislative programme with additional powers by the President for the sound and vigorous development of world trade."

APPEAL

Meanwhile, popular anger against Spain was rising throughout Morocco, despite an appeal for calm addressed in the nation by Morocco's King Mohammed V from New York, where he is currently making an official visit.

He praised the Moroccan people for the calm with which it had greeted the Spanish "provocation."

He added that "it is to be hoped that Spain will understand Morocco's point of view, since above all our relations are based on a strong friendship." — United Press.

Spanish Defeat At Sidi Ifni?

Anger Against Madrid In Morocco

Rabat, Morocco, Dec. 9.

Dissident Moroccan tribesmen claimed that the fall of Sidi Ifni, beleaguered capital of the vest pocket Spanish enclave, was imminent, a communique published by the newspaper El Alam announced today.

The winner of the London Daily Sketch's "Shovel a Fortune" contest was Ken King of Chertsey. He managed to shovel 56 spadefuls of glittering half-crowns — total weight nearly eight cwt and valued at \$3,540 — all in three minutes. He kept the money he managed to shovel up — Keystone.

US Rockets For Turkey

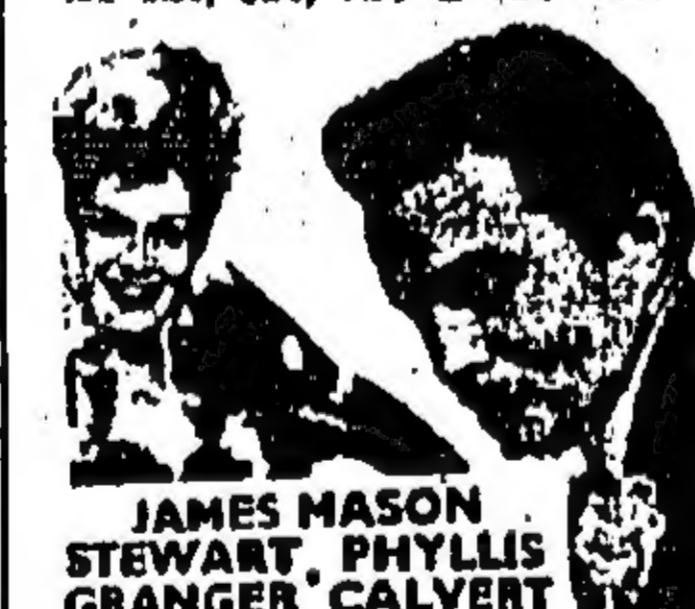
Ankara, Dec. 9. Mr. Adnan Menderes, Turkish Prime Minister, said tonight the United States had agreed to give Turkey guided missiles and rockets. He said American "Nike" missiles and "Honest John" rockets would be provided under NATO defence plans, and Turkish officers would go to the United States to learn operating them. — Reuter.

WIRE-TAPS

Washington, Dec. 9. The United States Supreme Court ruled in a unanimous decision today that wiretap evidence obtained by state officers is not admissible in federal courts. The court thereby reversed a New York court ruling. — China Mail Special.

CAPITOL RITZ

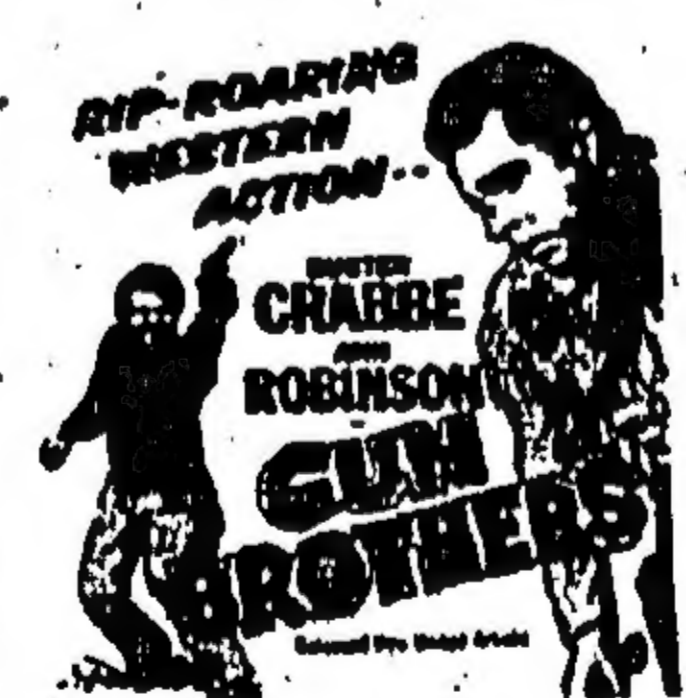
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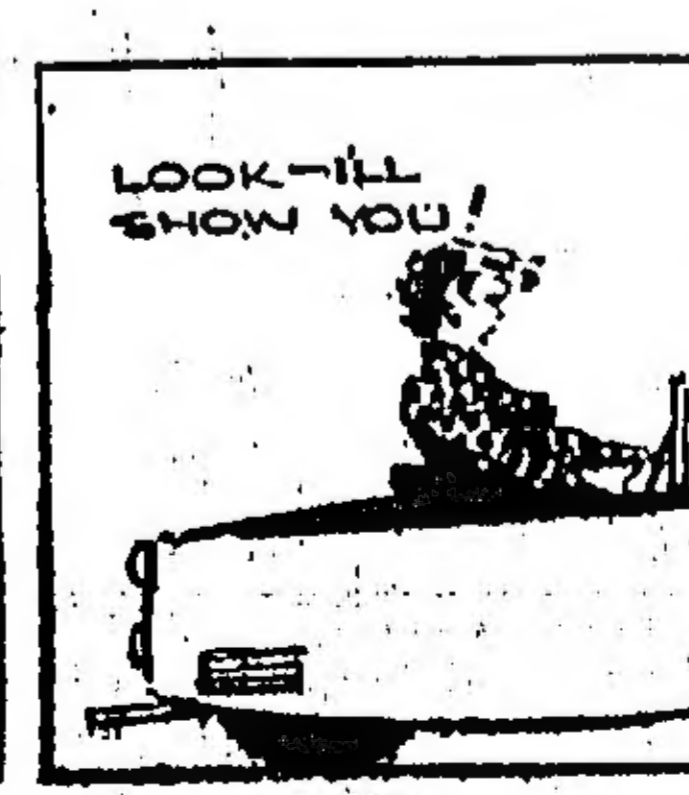
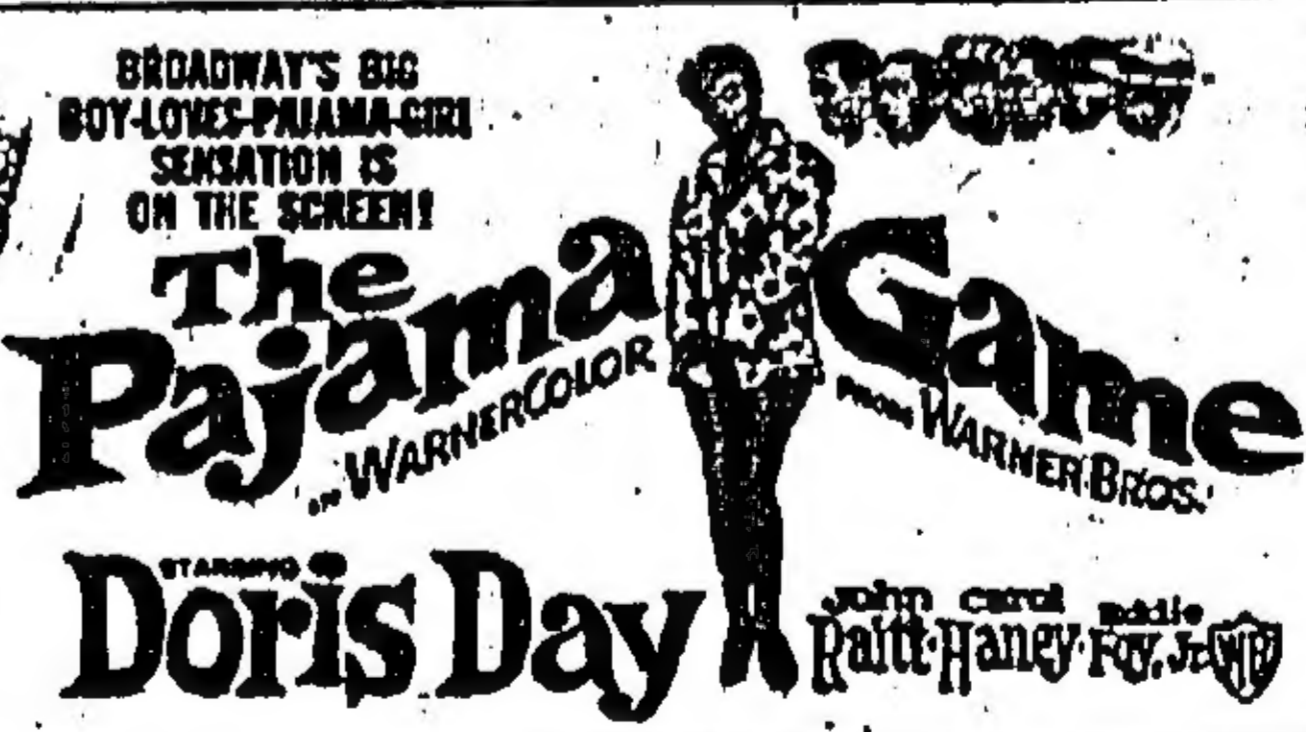
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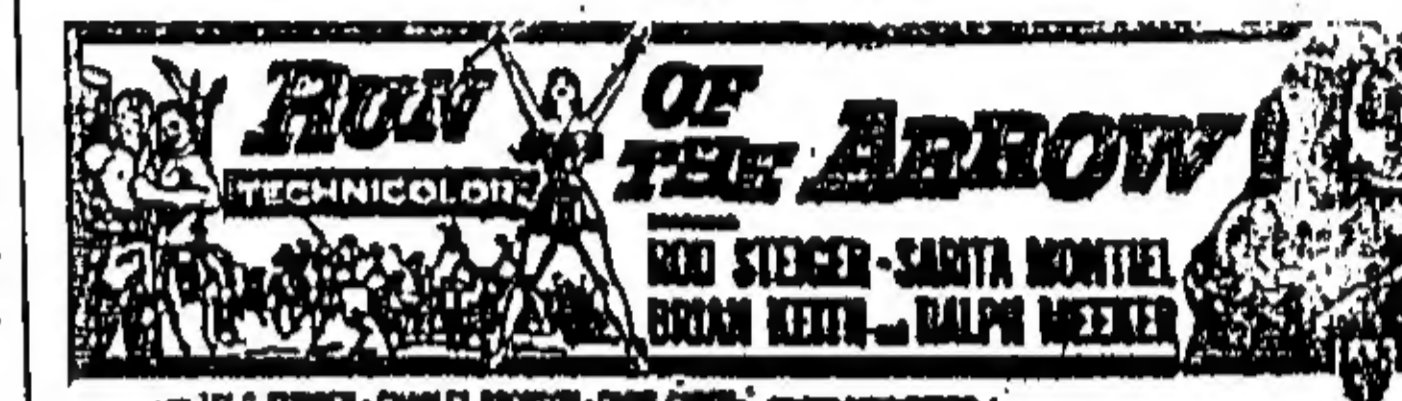
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"THE BOLSHOI BALLET"

It is regretted due to unforeseen delays that the New Astor Theatre in Kowloon is not ready to open on its original scheduled date.

The Rank Organisation's presentation of the Eastmancolour film of the BOLSHOI BALLET will therefore be released on a SOLO basis, in the first instance, at the LEE THEATRE in Hong Kong from Thursday, December 12th. There will be the usual 4 shows daily at normal cinema prices with concessions in prices to Student and cultural groups as already announced in the press.

It is hoped that the opening of the New ASTOR THEATRE in Kowloon will not be unduly delayed in which case the BOLSHOI BALLET will open to play concurrently with the later screenings at the LEE THEATRE. Should however this not be possible the BOLSHOI BALLET will be screened early next year at the ASTOR THEATRE when it will in all probability again be repeated concurrently at the LEE THEATRE.

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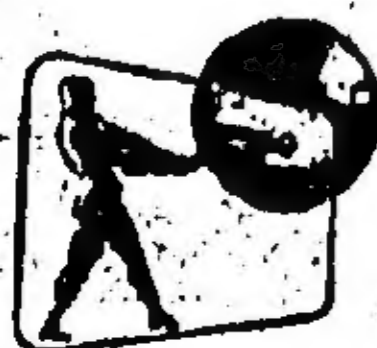
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Authoritative Confirmation In Washington Tito Halts US Military Aid

Yugoslavs Resent Public Criticism In US Congress

Washington, Dec. 9.

An authoritative United States source today confirmed that Yugoslavia had asked for a stoppage of U.S. military aid.

For all practical purposes the military aid programme had been or would be discontinued, the sources said.

Whether spare parts and maintenance assistance under the military aid programme would be continued was a matter under review so was the whole subject of continuing economic aid, which was largely in the form of farm surpluses.

The economic aid programme for Yugoslavia has been running at a rate of about \$100 million a year.

No figures have been given for the military aid programme. But informed sources said that from 1950 onwards the United States had been sending jet planes, lorries, trailers and a variety of lighter arms and equipment.

Reports during the last three days said Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia had "renounced" further United States military aid at a meeting with the United States Ambassador, Mr. James Riddleberger, on Bristol Island last Friday.

The State Department spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, declined to confirm these reports at his daily press briefing today. He confined himself to this official statement:

Discussion

"Ambassador James W. Riddleberger met with Marshal Tito at Bristol on Friday, December 6, for a discussion of U.S.-Yugoslav relations.

"During the course of the meeting, various United States aid relationships with Yugoslavia were discussed."

Unconfirmed Belgrade reports had said the reason Marshal Tito had decided not to accept further U.S. military aid was that the Yugoslavs resented public criticism of their country in the United States Congress and elsewhere.

United States officials said today that this country understood Yugoslavia's reasons for wanting discontinuance of military aid. They said they recognised that there had been

"difficulties" with various elements in the United States concerning the military aid programme to Yugoslavia.

Moving Away?

The programme had in fact been discontinued for a short period last May. No major items had been delivered during that period of suspension, but the supply of spare parts had continued.

Since May, relatively small number of jet aircraft had been delivered, officials said. These sources declined to characterise the suspension of military aid as implying that Yugoslavia was moving away from the West and toward the Soviet bloc.

They declined to say whether the United States welcomed or regretted the move. However, they said the State Department recognised that the military aid programme had been "an irritant" in U.S.-Yugoslav relations. — Reuter.

Espionage Ring Broken Up

Tokyo, Dec. 9.

The Japanese police announced today that they had broken up a North Korean espionage ring, headed by the intelligence section of the North Korean Home Ministry.

The announcement said the police had rounded up seven Communist agents in Kobe and raided 13 places in different parts of the country. The authorities ordered a nation-wide dragnet to capture four other agents. — France-Press.

Why The Space Rocket Failed: Official Statement

Washington, Dec. 9.

The US Navy said today that the destruction of the Vanguard test satellite at Cape Canaveral, in Florida last Friday, was the result of a mechanical failure in the launching rocket's propulsion system.

The damage to the steel and concrete launching stand was "considerably serious" but repairs were expected to be completed in a short period of time, it added.

Details of the mechanical failure were not disclosed on the grounds that they were secret.

The statement, issued by the Office of Naval Research, said the failure to launch the test satellite into space, and the repairs necessary on the launching site, were not expected to jeopardise the launching of the fully-instrumented earth satellite next year.

The target date for firing the fully-instrumented sphere is next March. — Reuter.

YOUNG CAVE EXPLORERS SAFE AND SOUND

—Trapped In A Maze Since Saturday

Kettlewell, Yorkshire, Dec. 9.

Weary rescuers late tonight brought out the last of six young student cave explorers trapped since Saturday in the maze of tunnels and caverns called Dow Gill Pot hundreds of feet under the bleak Yorkshire moors.

All six, four youths and two girls, were safe and well, but the girls were exhausted after 50 hours underground.

The youngsters, whose ages range from 16 to 20, did not even know what day it was when they were found by rescuers huddled on ledges a few feet above swirling ice-cold floodwaters.

More than 300 rescuers — experienced "potholers," police, firemen and frogmen — played their part in the hazardous rescue operation.

At one point they had to blast their way through a fall of rock with dynamite. One frogman collapsed in the icy water.

One by one the youngsters were brought to the surface — first Peter Clough, then Blackburn, the leader, Michael Canale, Joan Smith, 19, Christine Woodward, 18, and Robin Turner.

"I'll Return"

Peter Clough, the first one out, said: "I want to go on potholing (cave exploring) and I want to go back to this one again."

With a blanket draped round his shoulders, Clough told the story of the rescue as he smoked his first cigarette in the open air.

"We entered Dow Gill pot-hole at 2 p.m. on Saturday," he said. "In the first five hours we covered about 800 yards."

"But then the first serious accident occurred. Peter Blackburn slipped and dropped the plastic bag he was carrying with our watches and spare torch batteries in it."

"The bag fell into a swirling stream and was swept away before anyone could grab it."

"We struggled along the narrow ledge fringing the stream, which was knee-deep and waist-deep in parts."

Without their watches, said Clough, they lost all track of time. When he was brought out he thought it was still Sunday afternoon.

Did They See A Flying Saucer?

Ontario, Dec. 9.

Residents in various parts of northern Ontario say they saw a mystery object streaking through the sky about 6 p.m. last night.

An Ontario Northland Railway conductor said he saw the object from a train travelling south about 100 miles north of North Bay. He said it headed for the train, then veered away, leaving a streak of fire. It was greenish in colour.

A Trans-Canada Air Lines pilot who saw the object said he was certain it was not a star.

One observer said eight spikes were protruding from the object, three on top, three on the bottom and one on each side. He said it resembled a flying saucer.

Reports of the object came from Pespapola, Englehart and Irroquois Falls. — Reuter.

TOO INNOCENT TO DIE SAYS A WOULD-BE KOREAN ASSASSIN

Seoul, Dec. 9.

TWO of a trio of would-be assassins, sentenced to death for an attempt on the life of Vice-President John Chang, petitioned for a new trial last week and one promised to "expose the whole story".

One of the two, Choi Hoon, 36, in a laboriously scrawled note, said he wanted a new trial because "I am too innocent to be sentenced to death."

Only hours after Choi submitted his request direct to the Seoul District Court, bypassing his counsel, Lee Duk Shin also submitted a request for a retrial.

The 37-year-old Lee, a former lieutenant in the National Police, stated in his handwritten note: "I will expose the whole story of the case." Lee also bypassed his counsel.

FORGIVENESS

The ROK Supreme Court last month upheld death sentences for the three principals involved in the shooting, ending one of the most sensational criminal cases in the history of the young republic.

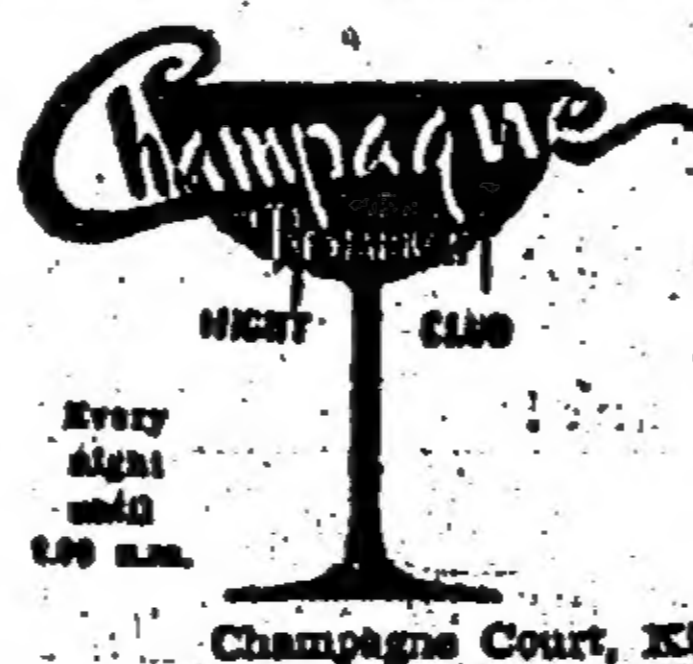
The triggerman in the attempted assassination of Mr. Chang on September 28, 1956, King Sang Bong, 27, has made no request for a retrial.

The Opposition Party vice-president, who was wounded in the hand as he emerged from the National Theatre here after a political address at the Democratic Party convention, has asked President Rhee to commute the death sentences.

Vice-President Chang told the United Press he requested leniency for the three because "they had no personal grudge against me" and because he was certain they were "the dupes of someone behind the scenes." — United Press.

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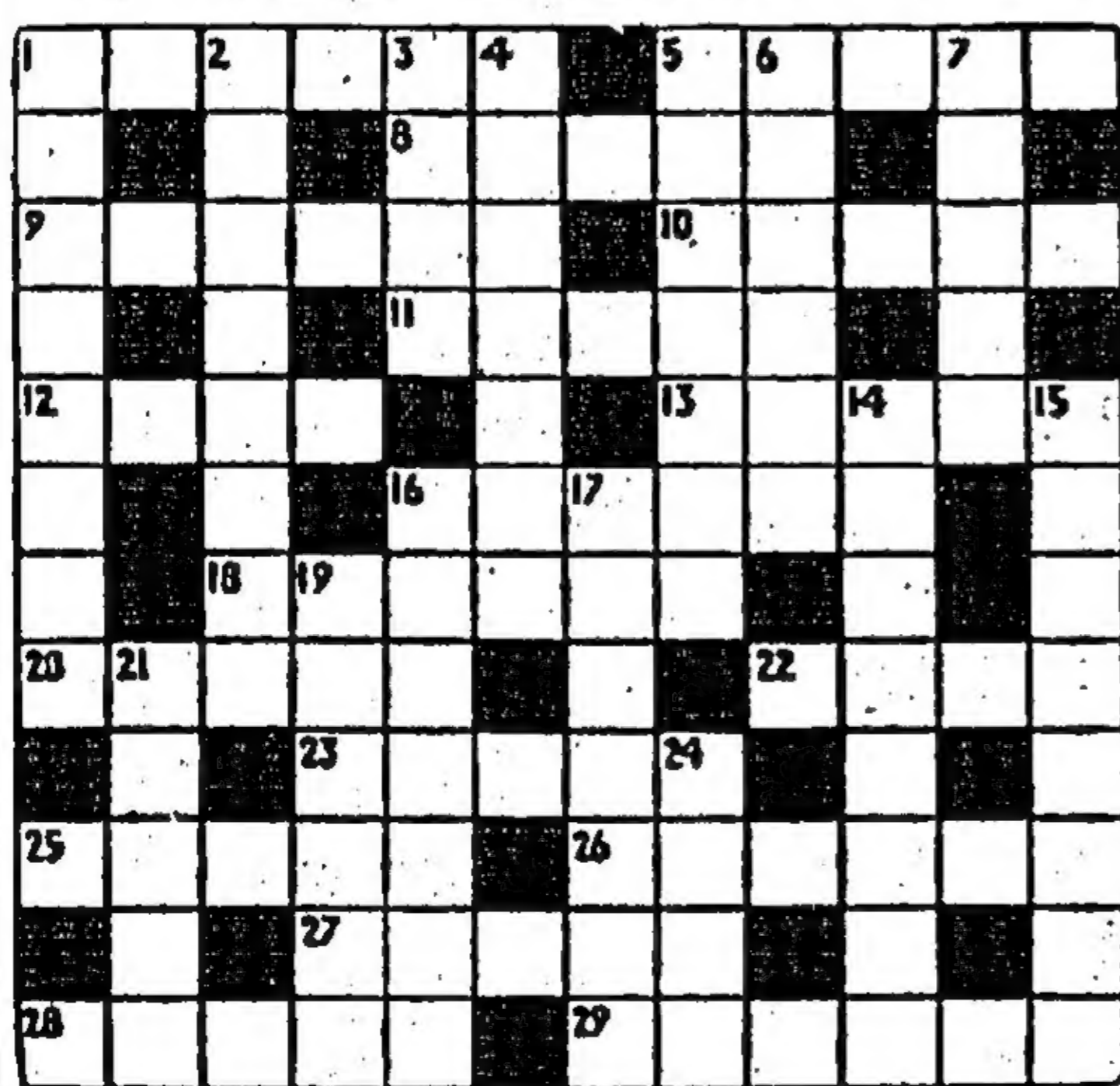
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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- What a laugh! (6).
 - Short, but may occupy several pages (5).
 - Italian city (6).
 - Horse race (6).
 - The colour of extreme anger (5).
 - Poor stuff (5).
 - The nervous go about on it (4).
 - Big matches (6).
 - Be out, go to speak (6).
 - Comparatively expensive (6).
 - Is often let off (5).
 - Well-established business? (4).
 - It's torrential (5).
 - Long and winding? (5).
 - Season to finish with fruit (6).
 - Hair-raising? (5).
 - Is very sarcastic (6).
 - Snuggle up (6).
- DOWN**
- Hides (8).
 - Rat (6).
 - Of some years (4).
 - More joyful (7).
 - Pillow support (7).
 - Objections may be this (6).
 - Manage to live (5).
 - Deposits (8).
 - Push under (8).
 - Travelers' wares (7).
 - Not to be doubted (7).
 - This one's not so difficult (6).
 - Clipped (6).
 - Used in fencing (4).

MONDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Apache, 5 Sober, 6 A-new, 9 Lentil, 11 Acres, 12 Alling, 14 West, 16 Elgin, 18 Raisin, 19 Tree, 20 Mentor, 24 Floor, 25 Donuts, 26 Town, 27 Rates, 28 Needled, Down: 1 Ally, 2 Azusa, 3 Hall, 4 Bullst, 6 Straggle, 6 Dargate, 7 Diamond, 10 Tiles, 13 Trooper, 14 Wildest, 16 Palmote, 17 Lemon, 19 Tender, 21 Toms, 22 Rail, 23 Mend.

UP COUNTRY by THURLOW CRAIG

The cat that had no head for heights

I USED to claim until the other day—if you want a really tough cat that you can set on a tramp when Master's out with the dogs get an ordinary tabby, tortoiseshell patchwork or marmalade cat who never knew its own father.

Whether it be a haystack or an alley cat, it'll be a capable pussy able to read the compass and never get lost, able to climb the highest tree in the forest without getting dizzy, able to take on sheep dogs and put them in their place.

But Nelson changed all that. Nelson is a patchwork tom kitten that my young son brought home from school one day. At four months old he is a chunky little cat who spends all his time between meals in the orchard catching and eating mice.

This is a sore point with partly old Panda, our resident cat, who has only one really good tooth left and who therefore goes mouseless except in the holidays when the boys catch and skin mice for him, serving them up neatly dressed on a plate.

We noticed that Nelson is not a climber, but anyway mice don't climb trees.

URGENT YELLS

The other day I came out of the house to try to photograph some circling buzzards when urgent yells for help sent me rushing to the top of the

orchard, which straggles up the mountain at an impossible angle.

Panda was sitting on a sun-warmed rock between the cypresses and the larches, licking one paw and gazing entranced over the valley at a view which never fails to delight.

The fields are very green and the river very full. The hills opposite are red and green and gold, a mixture of rustling oak, verdant conifers, and dying bracken.

Twenty feet high on a limb of evergreen hung Nelson, by one precarious paw out of my reach and shrieking his head off. Then, right side up he fell with a plop quite unhurt but mentally shattered.

DISGUSTED

Panda shook one leg as a cat will when disgusted and slowly stropped his claws on the cypress. With a weary glance at me, and an air of utter detachment, he walked up the trunk, stroled out along the branch that had been too much for Nelson, and sat down bulging comfortably over both sides.

He continued to lick one paw and gaze, master of the situation, over the valley while Nelson, creaked off to the kitchen for some moral support. After that Panda and I are going to give him a climbing lesson.

AN AUTHORITATIVE INTERPRETER OF THE AMERICAN SCENE SENDS ONE OF THE MAJOR DESPATCHES OF HIS CAREER

MY PLEA TO IKE

As a good friend I say: It is time to stand down

from RENE MacCOLL

IT is with affectionate admiration for one of the finest men produced by America in this century that I call—sorrowfully but unhesitatingly—upon Dwight David Eisenhower, thirty-fourth President of the United States, to resign from his high office here and now.

I have reported Ike for years. I have covered his two victorious presidential campaigns. I saw him arrive in Paris early in 1951 to head the new Nato alliance. I have been to scores of his Press conferences in Washington. I flew to Denver from London two years ago when the heart attack started the ominous catalogue of presidential invalidism.

I regard Ike now as an old friend. I like the man enormously and I share to the full the affection and gratitude extended to him unstintingly by millions of people everywhere.

But I am convinced that President Eisenhower should no longer linger in the places of power. In the fiercely menacing world of 1957 the West simply cannot afford to carry a "passenger," however distinguished his record.

Eisenhower, who has deserved so well of his country and of his Western allies so often in the past, should now perform his last and finest gesture of patriotism and service.

He should step down forthwith, resigning the Presidency of his own free will.

And there is once again the hastily contrived atmosphere of cheeriness and optimism that all will soon be well and that Ike will be back at the helm before very long as good as ever he was.

Smooth talk

Well, this just will not do. I say that President Eisenhower must make the hard, irrevocable decision—and make it quickly. Eisenhower must no longer listen to the smooth talk of the men around him, the Sherman Adamases and the Jim Hagertys. President Eisenhower must take the lonely decision to do the right thing.

Surely it now emerges unmissably and frighteningly for all to see that Eisenhower should never have been urged

to "run" again for a second term as President. If the presidency were some sort of minecure holding, few demands on its incumbent well and good. But we all know that it is nothing of the sort—that it is, on the contrary, a job which exacts every last ounce of strain and effort without let-up on the man.

The West has watched with embarrassment and unhappiness while the President has repeatedly goaded and relaxed in the second year of his second term.

It has felt a growing sense that the man in the White House has lost his grip and in a world where our Communist enemies are constantly piling on the pressure, one of the great champions of the West has not been able to match either his own old time form or to meet—adequately the hostile challenges from overseas.

Perilous

The situation which now confronts us would have been quite bad enough two short months ago. The events of the past few weeks in which Russia has jumped ahead with the weapons of the future should make the situation now as perilous as it could possibly be.

We probably stand now in far worse potential peril even than in 1940.

Is this a time for Ike to remain at the helm?

Is this the moment for the President to be given "several weeks" to enjoy yet another leisurely convalescence?

Is this the time to refrain from taxing the President—not to follow him unwaveringly as has been increasingly the slogan in and about the White House of late?

Let a young man take over the fearful burden. Let Richard Nixon, the Vice-President, able, energetic, and only 44, relieve Ike of all his responsibilities.

Even before Ike's stroke the extent to which America's defensive situation had been allowed to slide had been exposed in all its stark impact by the Sputniks.

Ike's own reaction to the emergency has not, I am afraid,

been that of a great leader. His speeches, his general attitude, his lack of dynamism all betraied a man spent and enfeebled.

The present crisis, then, is as big as it can be.

The problem for the U.S. is this: Is this big crisis being handled by the best men available? The answer seems to me to be plain.

Not the same

Here in America many people are trying to compare Ike's illness to that which temporarily

incapacitated Churchill back in 1953. Churchill, they point out, recovered triumphantly and was able to resume his duties as Prime Minister.

But the Premiership of Britain, although one of the world's foremost political positions, is not today really comparable to the presidency. The presidency nowadays is in a class by itself. And the man who seeks to fill it needs also to be in a class by himself.

So that is why I hope with all my heart that realism will now win the day in Washington and that Ike will place us further in his debt by bowing from the scene.

Red rocket-liners

From TERENCE LANCASTER: Moscow, Tuesday

THE Russians are working on a rocket-liner which will carry passengers at between 9,000 and 10,000 miles an hour to all parts of the world.

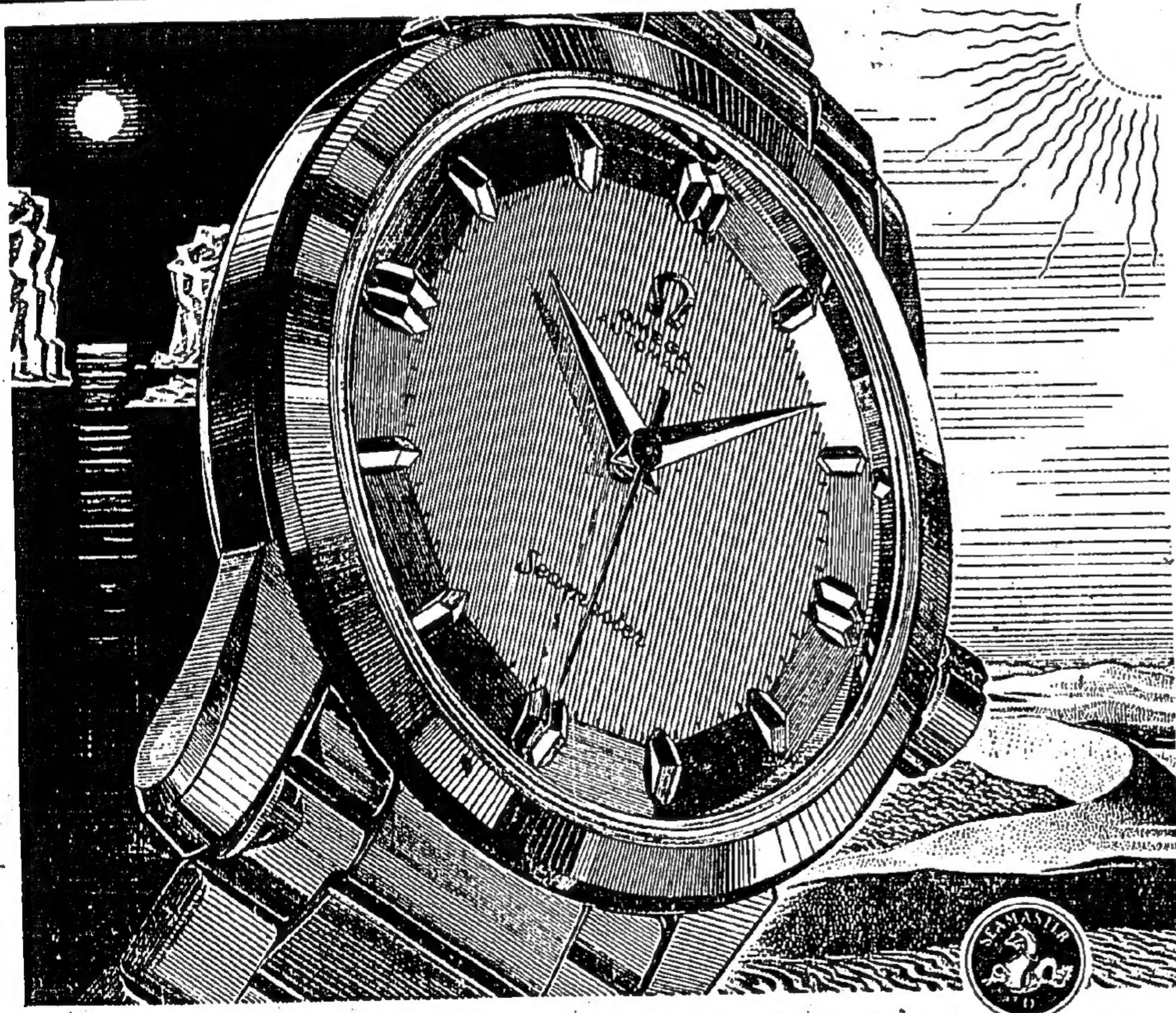
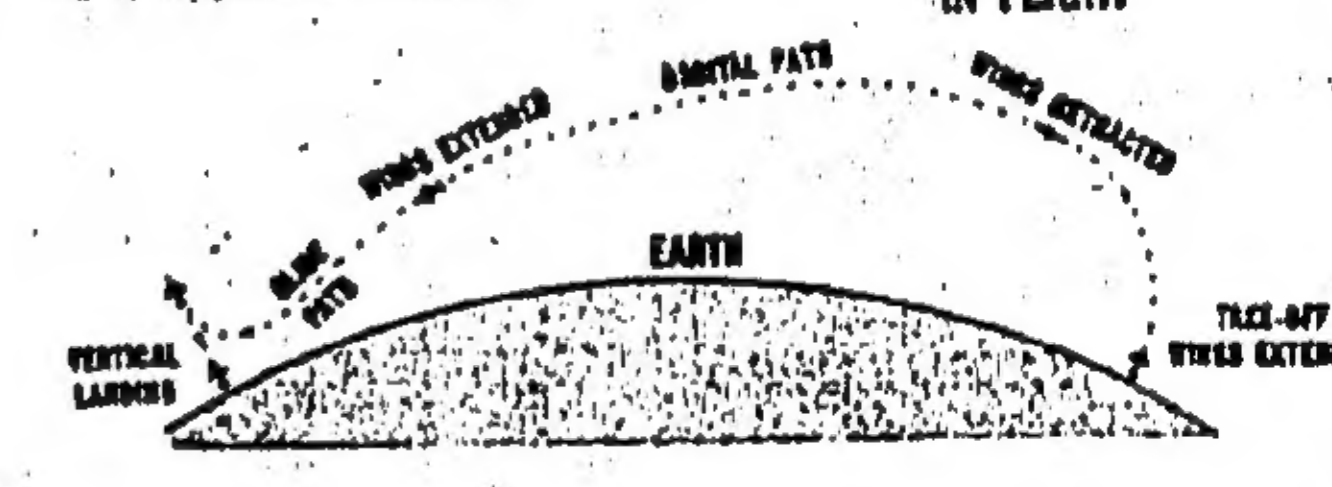
These machines—the Russians call them Rocket-plans—will take off vertically but sprout wings as they can land like conventional aircraft.

This is revealed in Soviet Aviation, the newspaper of the Soviet Air Force, which has a diagram showing a rocket-liner taking off from Russia and landing in South America. Aircraft designer Vladimir Alexandrov says the rocket-liners will be shot up as high as 600 miles (see diagram on right).

AIRLESS SPACE

Then the pilot will cut his motors and the machine will fly round in airless space on its own momentum. The problem of getting it down through the earth's atmosphere will be solved by slowly letting out large wings.

These will be fully spread when the liner is about 50 or 60 miles from earth on its downward flight (see diagram below). The article says: "It will be just like an eagle, which drops with its wings spread to its body and then opens them out as it approaches earth."



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This Funny World



"For Pete's sake, go out and dig up some customers!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

BORN today, you have had a developed intuitive faculty and this, combined with good common sense, makes you a person who can be counted upon to give excellent advice. You are one to whom others turn in moments of crisis. You may not always give an explicit reason for doing this and so, but it usually turns out to be the right thing. You are high-strung and quick to anger. But you are not as quick to cool off. As you grow older, you will do well to cultivate self-control, since this will serve you better in the long run.

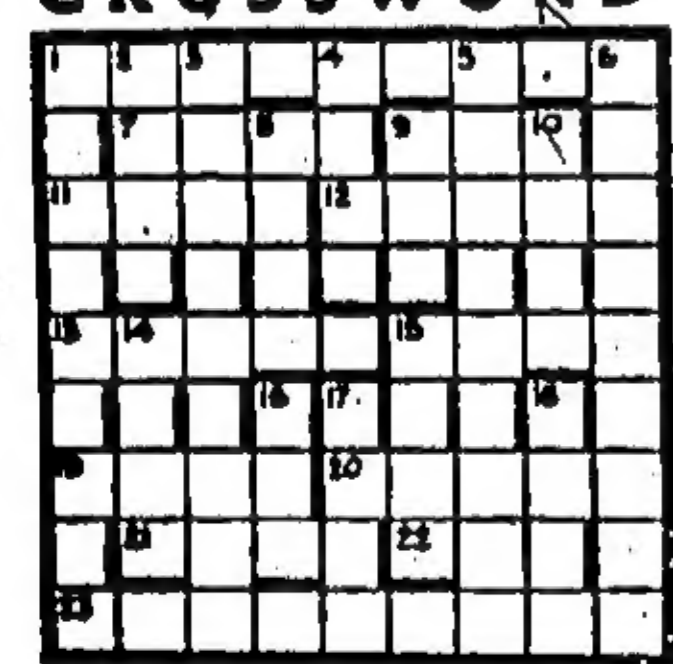
Since you have executive talent, you will do well to handle some large project. You dislike handling on a small scale and are at your best when considering the wide sweep of some important plan. You have the ability to pick associates who will complement your own talents—those who enjoy detail work quite as much as you do. If those who are eager to follow another's lead as you are to supply the leadership. All in all, you are a strong individual who knows how to get a job done efficiently and on time.

In youth, perhaps, you will be a little too much inclined to stress the social side of life, for you are fond

WEDNESDAY,

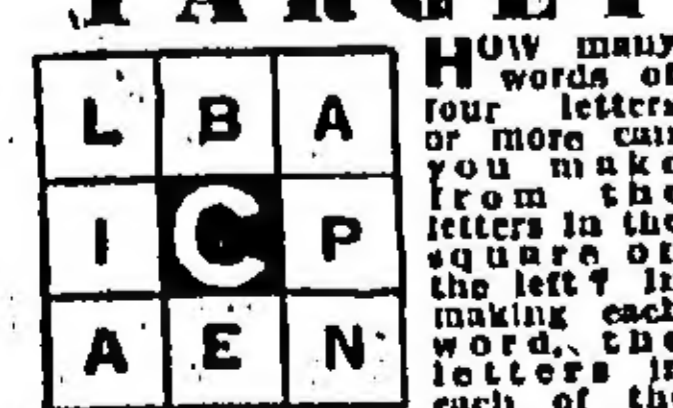
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Great success potentials appear, but with exceptional business ability. Keep the two in separate compartments. **PROCEP** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—The stars have given you the green light for "go," but the need for caution along the way is more important. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Your attitude will determine the scope of events today. With a positive attitude, all turns out well. **PISCES** (Feb. 20)—One of those days when everything seems to be at odds and ends. You can control the trend by your actions. **ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—A day to be suspicious of things that look too good to be true at first glance. Exercise caution before you act. **Taurus** (Apr. 21-May 21)—A good day if you take the precaution to check all details with the utmost care before committing yourself. **GEMINI** (May 22-June 21)—You can make this a propitious day if you curb impulse and act only on reason. Be practical, use common sense. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22)—Guard against last-minute changes in handling important detail work can cause trouble on a major project. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 23)—Personal affairs are in good aspect now, so get something done which is important to your future happiness.

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- How many words of four letters can you make from the letters in the word "TARGET"?
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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Squeeze Robs East Of Two

By OSWALD JACOBY

WILLIAM GRIEVE of Boston, another young player who distinguished himself in this summer's Nationals, has moved to New York and undoubtedly will be playing in the Metropolitan championships this weekend.

In today's hand Bill shows how an expert takes advantage of a chance to pick up an extra trick.

West opened the king of clubs and East started an echo with the eight. This marked West

NORTH		18
♠	K 10 5 3	
♥	K 5 4 3	
♦	K 10 2	
♣	9 7	
WEST		
♠	10 9 7	
♥	8 6 5	
♦	K Q J 8 5 2	
♣	8 4	
EAST		
♠	A Q 8 6 2	
♥	K Q 7 5 3	
♦	8 4	
♣	A J 8 7 6 2	
♠	J	
♥	A 10 3	
♦	8 4	
♣	8 4	
SOUTH (D)		
♠	A J 8 7 6 2	
♥	J	
♦	A 10 3	
♣	8 4	
Both vulnerable		
♠	1 4	Pass
♥	2 4	Pass
♦	3 4	Pass
♣	4 4	Pass
Opening lead—♠ K		

with six clubs, and Bill noted that if West also held the ace of hearts, he would surely have overcalled. Hence there was no chance to lead the jack of hearts and steal the king.

Bill also noted that he might pick up the extra trick on a squeeze if East should happen to hold the ace and queen of hearts and the queen and jack of diamonds.

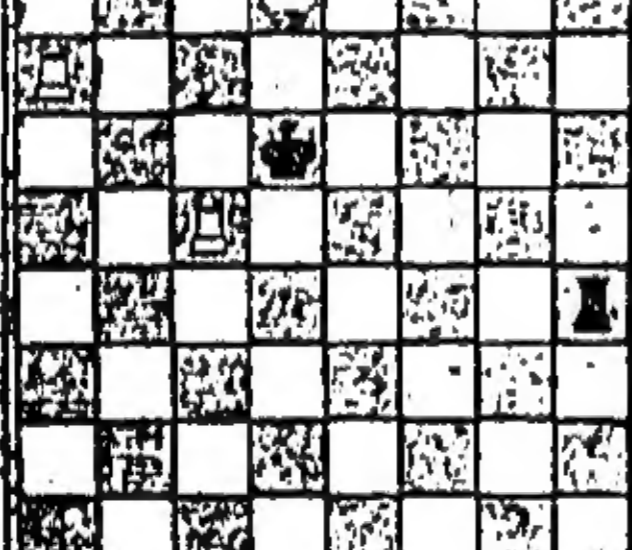
Now Bill was ready for operation squeeze. It wasn't complicated. All he did was to play out all his trumps and discard all four of dummy's hearts. On the last trump lead East found himself in the meat grinder. He had to hang on to his three diamonds and throw the ace of hearts in desperation. It was desperation. Bill cashed his jack for a valuable over-trick.

CARD SURVIVAL

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
3 4
You, South, hold:
♠ A Q 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♥ A 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♦ A 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♣ A 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
What do you do?
A—Pass. If bid four spades, depending on how good your partner's three-spade bid is likely to be. Do not bid three no-trump or one of your suits.
TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding has been:
North East South West
3 4
You, West, hold:
♠ A 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♥ A 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♦ A 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♣ A 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

GHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



This problem is 800 years old. White to move and win.
Solution No. 5313: 1. B-R1 (threat 2. Kt-K4), Kt-K3; 2. B-R2, or Kt-B2; 2. Kt-P3; 3. Kt-K2; 2. Kt-Q7; 3. Kt-B3; 2. Kt-K6, or Kt-B5; 2. Q-B, or Kt-K6; 2. B-Q4, or Q-B; 2. Kt-K6. Splendid Knight wheel with five interferences.
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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

MANY a veterinary surgeon must have asked himself, in the stillness of the night, "Suppose I'm summoned to attend to a giraffe's neck. Does one take a ladder, or are there magic words which induce the beast to stoop?"

The other day in Cologne they had to erect scaffolding to bandage a giraffe's neck, but there must be an easier way than that. Many years ago a giraffe escaped from a French zoo, and took refuge in the middle of the Pont Valentin at Calais. It had banged its head on a building, so a vet moored a boat to the bridge, climbed the mast, and clinging to it, stretched out and attended to the wound. The animal was then lowered into the boat by a crane.

Hope Deferred (III)

"I HOPE he won't jabber at Greek to us," said Gaspar, "if you only manage a little or two of Homer, and I can't see that they'd fit in." "These millionaires are cosmopolitan," replied his wife. "He's sure to talk English. I wonder how dear Mary Jane got him. Probably at the Casino or on a yacht." "We ought to have a horse in the stables, you know," said Gaspar. "I wonder if Carrington-Grey would lend us one." "Where would it go?" asked his wife. "The first time he neighed the whole rotten thing would fall in on it. Anyhow, I don't think these rich Greeks ride much. It's all yachting." "Just think of our

WOMANSENSE

Whatever Happened To The Career Girl?

A REPORT ON THE RETURN OF THE LITTLE WOMAN



WHATEVER has become of the Career Girl? She just doesn't seem to be around any more. She has been replaced by the Little Woman.

I used to know the Career Girl well. She was tailored and supposedly tough. Smart, successful and undomesticated. A trifle aggressive perhaps, because she had so much to fight against.

Other men pitied her husband, "I wouldn't want my wife to work," they would say. Other wives (the kind who used to be called old-fashioned) looked at her, new-fangled, independent life and compared it a little enviously with their own.

But today the Career Girl, once so ultra-modern, is a little out of date. Today's modern girl makes no bones about the fact that she prefers marriage to a career.

Statistics

EVERY statistician and every survey that I have read, every official in the business of employing women whom I have consulted, agrees on it. Career

... By Anne Edwards

girls are on their way out—and the Little Woman is on her way back.

Listen to Roz Allen, copy chief of the women's side of a large advertising agency:

"There isn't any doubt about it. As far as copy-writing is concerned, anyway, girls are not interested in the job as such. When I ask them why they want to be in advertising they say—and I quote exact words on this—it would be nice to be in advertising."

I wonder why the Little Woman has returned in such force. It could be because she has realized the truth of what man have been telling her for years, that her place is in the home.

WHAT they really mean is that, due to all the ballyhoo about advertising agencies, they think that they will meet a lot of nice, eligible young men. They aren't interested in the job for its own sake. They don't want to get on and make money. They just want to mark time until they marry."

Listen to Mrs. Wilson, who engages staff for a big department store:

"Girls don't bother about a career. And they don't mind what the job leads to, so long as they are happy doing it. If they are asked to work late and they want to go to a dancing class, they go to the dancing class."

Listen to Mrs. Audrey Taylor, of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs:

Personally I am sad to report that now, when no one will condemn a girl for trying to combine home, babies, and a job, she very seldom tries to do so. Now that she can do as she likes, she does very little. Now that she has the world on a string, she settles for the one job that makes a nonsense of equal pay, higher education, freedom of this and that, and all the other golden promises.

It was all such a glittering rainbow—once.

And over the rainbow, what after all is she doing on the other side? Why, it turns out that she is back where she started from, with a stack of dirty dishes in the sink and a pram in the hall.

Perhaps she has only got what she wanted. Perhaps she has only got what she deserved.

It is not only the girls in the shops and offices who take that it is not altogether her fault.

Make Your Own Marmalade

By HELEN FISHER

TOO often around this time of the year I stretch up to the top shelf of my store-cupboard and put my hand into the left-hand corner... and find nothing but an empty space, a space where the marmalade was.

One solution is to make a few jars. There are both grapefruit and lemons in the shops, and they make good marmalades.

Grapefruit

Two grapefruits, 4 pints water, 4 lemons, 3 lb. sugar. Wash the fruit and cut in half. Squeeze out the juice and strain into a preserving

pan. Tie up the pips in a piece of muslin and put them into the pan. Add water. Shred peel and add it. Boil until shreds are tender and contents of the pan reduced almost by half.

Remove the bag of pips, squeezing out all juice. Add sugar and stir constantly until it boils. Boil fast for 10 minutes then test for setting. As soon as it jells, pour into jars and cover.

Lemon

Four large lemons, 1 sweet orange, 4 pints water, 4 lb. sugar. Slice lemons, orange thinly and put into a pan with the water and pips tied in muslin. Bring to boil, simmer, until tender—

about 2 hours. The pulp should then measure 3½ pints— if necessary add water to make up this amount. Add sugar, stir until dissolved, bring to boil and boil rapidly until setting point is reached. Pot and cover.

Morning Glory Marmalade

Four sweet oranges, 4 lb. sugar, 5 lemons, 5 pints water. Slice the fruit. Put in earthenware bowl with water and soak overnight. Transfer to preserving pan and boil till pips are tender, with pips in a muslin bag. Squeeze the bag of pips and remove. Add sugar, previously warmed, and stir until dissolved. Boil rapidly until setting point is reached.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

You Can't Trust A Cat

—Mary Jane Found Mrs. Cuckoo Was Right—

By MAX TRELL

MARY JANE, the Rug Doll, was complaining to Mrs. Cuckoo, who lived inside the clock. It was late at night. Everyone in the house was already asleep. Mrs. Cuckoo had flown down from her clock and was standing on the rug.

"Now what was that you were saying, my dear?" Mrs. Cuckoo repeated.

Brought Up Badly

"I was saying," said Mary Jane, "that the Cat has brought up her Kittens very badly."

"Personally," said Mrs. Cuckoo, "I don't care for Cats."

Mary Jane nodded. Being a bird, Mrs. Cuckoo wouldn't like Cats, she thought to herself. However, she said aloud: "Don't you, Mrs. Cuckoo?"

"Not at all," said Mrs. Cuckoo. "But what's your complaint against them? What makes you say the Kittens are badly brought up?"



Mary Jane was telling Mrs. Cuckoo about Purr Purr.

"Oh no. She didn't climb that window sill again. She climbed the one right next to it!"

"Poor dear, I feel sorry for you," said Mrs. Cuckoo to Mary Jane. "You just can't trust a Cat, big or small. I found that out long ago."

"Oh no," said Mary Jane. "Some Cats are very nice."

"But Mrs. Cuckoo just shook her head and flew back to the clock. (For by this time it was almost morning and time for her to start calling out the hours again.)

Must Not Climb

"Now see here, Purr Purr, I said, 'you mustn't climb on window sills.'"

"Mustn't?" said Purr Purr. "Why not?"

Rupert and Rusty—49



"The two little friends squeezed into the crack in the rock. 'It gets bigger in here,' says Rusty. 'And, look, it divides into two parts. You take one and I'll take the other.' So Rupert worms his way into the darker section. All at once he stops. Then he wriggles back until he is looking down at the old man. 'This is the place,' he gasps. 'There's a box with money edges to it far inside there. How anyone got it there I can't imagine.' So the map is right, after these years!" cries the old gentleman.

Shook Her Head

Mary Jane shook her head sadly.



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Sports Diary

TODAY
Victory Shield: Combined Chinese v. Combined Services at JWFEC Stadium, 8 p.m.

TOMORROW
Athletics: Primary Schools athletic meeting at HCAA stadium, 9:30 p.m.
Badminton: Men's "C" Div. Doubles—St. Stephen's v. RAF; Men's Singles v. Kowloon Tong.
Football: Army Major and Minor Units competition at 2.10 p.m.

THURSDAY
JCCA: Executive Committee Meeting, Education Dept., 5.30 p.m.
Badminton: Men's "C" Div. Doubles—St. Stephen's v. RAF; Men's Singles v. Kowloon Tong.

Rock-A-Bye Baker Yawns Out A 'Slumber' Promise

By DESMOND HACKETT

Bob Baker eased his large bulk into London the other day and gently growled. Between yawns, he figured he would beat out home-bred Dick Richardson when he eventually lounges into the ring at Harringway today.

This big, ebony, 31-year-old Baker, with the sad lazy eyes and a half-moon moustache that is too tired to turn up at the ends, makes Rip Van Winkle just a gay old wideawake.

He never wanted to do anything as industrious as fighting. He just cleaned up roads in Pittsburgh and strictly minded his own business. He did his service with the US Navy without raising a fist in anger.

He ambled back to Pittsburgh and figured a little weightlifting was a thing he could quit just when he felt tired. But here is always some smart-bow around who looks big and muscular. Baker figured the easiest way to deal with these smart-bows without taking up too much sleeping time, was to learn how to win fast.

He was surprised to find himself Golden Gloves Champion in 1949, but I think he was even more surprised to really wake up and find he was fighting for a living, because Baker wearily opined: "People who box are just crazy."

He came out with such inhibitions as "When I'm not fighting, I like to take it easy and watch other people move around. When the other guy doesn't want to fight, why should I get excited? Why kill ourselves? Figure I'd like to have one crack at the championship, maybe I might throw a lucky punch. I am just fighting for enough money to relax."

Bob Baker thinks so little of the main market that he won't

A PERFECT GIFT

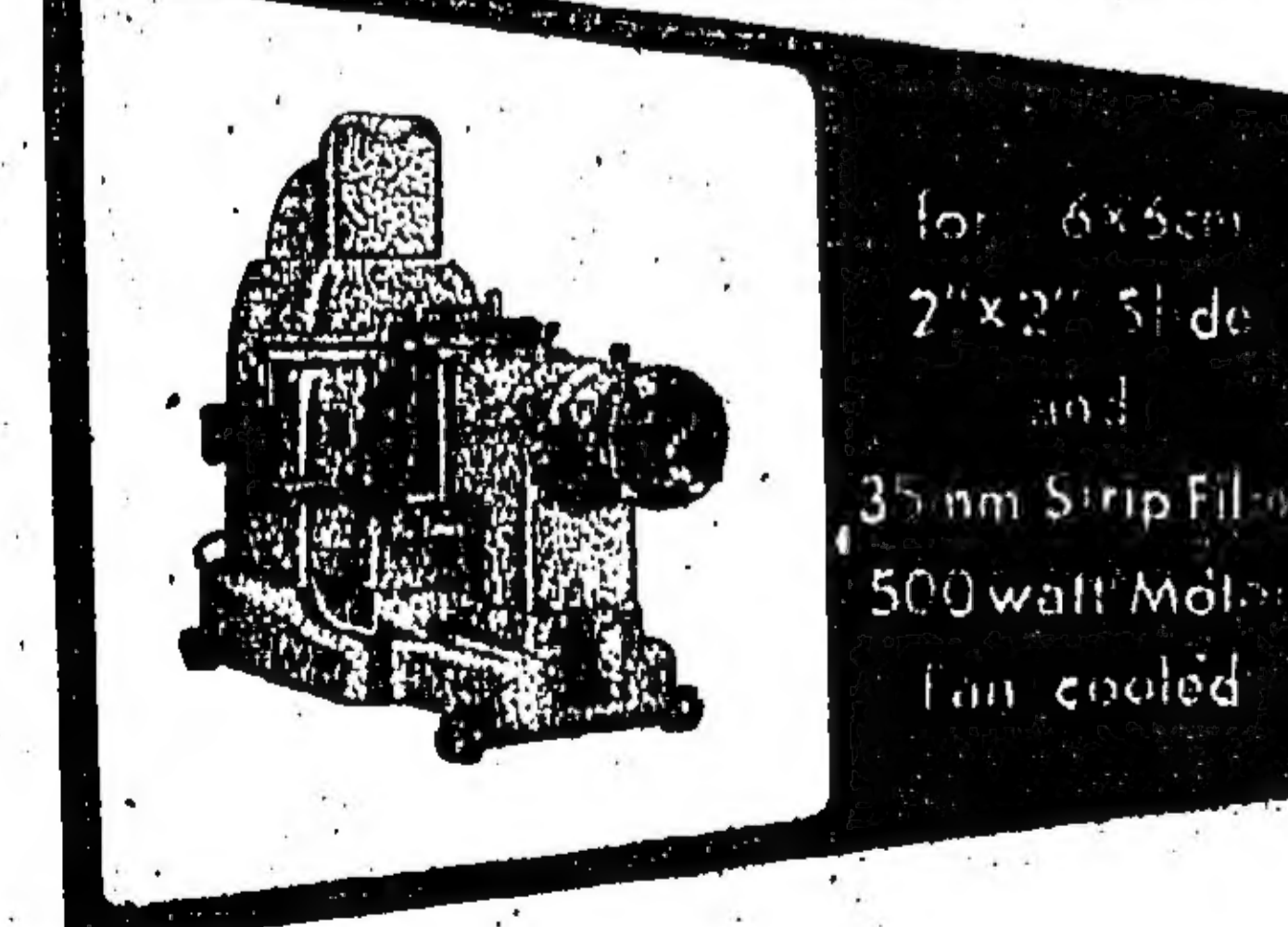
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HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Dec. 9.
Results in tonight's football matches were:
Football Association Cup.
Second Round Re-play
Hull City 4, Port Vale 3 (after extra time).
Score after 90 minutes: 3-3. (Winners are now at home to Barnsley).
League Two
Stoke City 6, Swansea Town 2. (This match was postponed from December 3).—Reuter.

Happy Fight Year

I think 1952 must have been the happiest fight year of his boxing life.
The record reads: October 28, fought Bill Gilliam, Pittsburgh, Won, 10 rounds. December 2, fought Bill Gilliam, Pittsburgh, Won, 10 rounds. December 15, fought Bill Gilliam, Brooklyn, Lost, 10 rounds. Of course he lost—Gilliam moved.
But every boy Baker must have been considerably wide awake when he was beating such impressive, if slightly dated, citizens: or slummers as Cesar Brion, Nino Valdes, Joe Bales, and Rex Layne.
In fact, Baker looked like heading for a world title fight, until last year when he was twice beaten by Tommy Jackson.

Just when I thought Baker was going to close off in a gentle score session, he sat up, put on his glasses, spread his ample chin over across his massive chest, and became animated. He was taking a deep interest in an array of British courage—particularly the flyers.

Along with Rock-a-by Baker is 25-year-old Howard Turner, who plans a swift destruction of Brian London today.
It should be a pretty rental time, because Rock-a-by Baker and Turner—easy Turner are going to spar with each other. I wonder who wakes 'em up to tell them training time is over? —(London Express Service). (COPYRIGHT)

WHAT'S WRONG WITH BRITISH SOCCER?

Three Experts Produce Three Books On The Subject

By ERIC NICHOLLS

London.

Let's play a panel game. The question for the team is: "What is wrong with British soccer, and how can it be put right?" A question for experts. So, introducing Britain's greatest player—John Charles: her greatest manager—Matt Busby: her most experienced soccer authority—Jimmy Seed. Each has written a book. From those books we take the views that each expresses on how to right the wrongs of the game they have made their profession and their life.

As he is a centre forward, we will let John Charles kick off. In "King of Soccer" (Stanley Paul: 10s 6d) he puts the player's point of view. And this 28-year-old, who won fame in Britain before seeking his fortune in Italy, joins the "outsiders," as he looks back in anger on the soccer scene he left behind.

"Players have no incentive," thunders King John, referring to the maximum wage of £21 per week. To give them incentive he would have a sliding scale payment system, with £25 per week for First Division players, £20 for Second Division, and £15 for Third Division. These would be all-the-year-round salaries, with bonuses doubled—£28 for a win and £4 for a draw.

That's just the start. To increase revenue, Charles, a child of the modern age, declares that British soccer should throw off the shackles of the past and start to talk and think big—with luxury grounds, and higher charges to pay for them.

Matt Busby, builder of the magnificent Manchester United side, wants to go further with players' rewards. In "Matt Busby, My Story" (Sovereign Press: 10s.) he advocates the abolition of the maximum wage and says that players should negotiate their own contracts. This, he says, would end under-the-counter payments, emigrations to Italy, complaints about wages and benefits and so make the game attractive to ambitious youngsters.

Man Of Vision

Busby, a man of vision, would also like to see the whole structure of British football reformed. Out England's First and Second Divisions to 18 clubs each he says. This would allow for new competitions, with crack Continental clubs taking part.
It would also concentrate the best players in the higher

Sixth Win For Aussies By An Innings

Port Elizabeth, Dec. 9.
Brilliant leg-spin bowling by all-rounder Richie Benaud, who had a match, analysis of ten for 88, contributed to the Australians' victory by an innings and 81 runs over Eastern Province here today.

Benaud, after taking five for 45 in the first innings, today claimed five for 44.
The match ended an hour and a half before the scheduled close.

Final scores:
Australians 371 for four declared.
Eastern Province 149 and 141.
It was the sixth win for the Australians by an innings.
Eastern Province, set to make 222 to put the Australians in again, never looked like escaping an innings defeat.

Benaud made the ball turn considerably on a cracked pitch, and the tail-enders particularly had little idea of how to counter him.

A good spell of pace bowling by John Drennan after lunch quickly dismissed the leading batsmen of a personal cost of seven runs. Drennan finished with three for 23 and left-arm spinner Lindsay Edgar claimed the other two wickets for 16.

Not Certain

A decision on whether the Port Elizabeth pitch is suitable for the Fifth Test will not be made until a few days later. Today it was honeycombed with cracks. The ball came through at uneven heights and turned a little, presumably when it hit cracks.

The South African Board of Cricket Control had stipulated that unless the pitch played well, they might have to hold the Fifth Test elsewhere. It is due to be played in March.

divisions—something John Charles wants, too. It is the success system of the European and South American countries.
Third Division sides would probably find themselves out in the cold. They would have to make do with fewer players.
Says Busby: "We must not be sentimental about this. The good footballers would always find employment, and if the bad ones lost their jobs, it could hardly be called a disadvantage."

Sweeping Changes

So the men of the moment demand sweeping changes. The status quo comes from Jimmy Seed. Seed has served soccer for over forty years as a player, manager, and now talent scout. He could well be excused if he has a chip on his shoulder, for he has been told that he was not wanted, and had to start again. Only last year he was fired from the manager's job at Charlton because the Third to the First Division in that record-breaking run of 1934-5 wasn't doing so well.

Says Jimmy in "The Jimmy Seed Story" (Phoenix Sports Books: 12s 6d.) "If the Football Association and Football League fell into line with all the bright ideas to suit some players, the five old game as we know it would have been taken into disrepute long ago."

A man who has always been loyal himself, Jimmy's idea to increase incentive would be to reward loyalty in the form of increased benefits for long service.

Clear The Air

Opponents of this say it would lead to merely. But the present set-up isn't so lawful. Why not come out into the open and clear the air?

And the weapon of individual contracts would be double-edged. A star who asked for the earth would have to expect short shrift should he lose his golden touch. If the maximum wage is to stay, then John Charles's suggestion of a graded scale would be better than the present system in which a Third Division player is paid the same as a star like Stanley Matthews.

We would all like better grounds. And some improvements should be made. But to pay players more and to build super stadiums would stretch even increased resources beyond endurance.
John Charles and Matt Busby aim to improve the best in British soccer, so that Britain does better in the international sphere. Jimmy Seed still sees soccer for what it has been for most of his career—the regular Saturday entertainment that the League game provides for millions.
But if wages are to be limited, his suggestion for rewards through loyalty could be fitted into a graded scale. It would still be worth while for the ambitious player to move up to a higher division, for the increased wage would be more than the long-service benefit.

Early in the 19th Century, a Mr William Gilbert blew up a pig's bladder with his gun-lungs and covered it with four pieces of cowhide stitched to-

gether. He had made the world's first Rugby football. Gilbert was one of the boot and shoemakers to the famous Rugby School at the time the game was started there. The story of his firm is now told for the first time in "The Gilbert Story," published at 5s by Gilbert's shop in St. Matthew's Street, Rugby.

The booklet tells what is probably the last gap in the writer's history of the sport. William Gilbert was a bachelor and he was succeeded in the business by his nephew, James. This story is written by the nephew's grandson, who now claims that his firm are the oldest football makers in the world.

Unfortunately, the firm kept no records in its very early days. But from the author's research it would seem that the rugby ball took its shape from the bladder.

The pig's bladder used to be placed in leather cases in their green state, and usually with the aid of the stem of a clay pipe fastened to the opening of the bladder, they were inflated by lung power.

The substitution of rubber for the pig's bladder took place about 1870, when an inflator was also invented.
Gilbert tells us that the number of the players taking part in the early game was unlimited. The only rules were unwritten ones until 1846 when the first book of rules was printed. Some of them seem rather odd today.

The Goal Bar

For instance, Rule 10 stated: "No player may stand on the goal bar to interrupt the ball going over."
And Rule 22 declared: "All matches are drawn after 5 days after 3 days if no goal has been kicked."

I welcome this week the publication of an up-to-date "Sportman's Who's Who" (Adams Press: London, 10s.). There is always room for a comprehensive reference book of this kind, and the editors, Raymond Glendinning and Robert Bateman, are to be congratulated on presenting the cold facts and figures in such attractive form.

I estimate that 1,500 British sportsmen and women have been included. And the usual biographical information is brightened with details of the players' ambitions and what they regard as their greatest achievements.

The authors do not claim to have included everyone—or even every sport. All the same, there are some rather strange omissions.

Joe Erskine, British, and now Empire, Heavyweight Boxing Champion does not get a mention, but Dal Dover, former British Flyweight Champion, does. Roger Bannister is excluded since he is no longer an active sportsman; Sir Len Hutton and Chris Chataway, both retired, are included.

You don't take up golf; you catch it. Those who have been afflicted, mildly or chronically, will enjoy the latest work of that prince of sufferers, George Houghdon, "The Truth About Golf Addicts" (Museum Press: 12s 6d.).

The golf fiend should recognize himself in many of the pages. He will enjoy laughing at what he himself gets up to—but at someone else's expense. —(London Express Service). (COPYRIGHT)

SPORTING SAM

by Reg. Wootton



YESTERDAY'S RUGBY

Club 'A' Deservedly Beat 48 Brigade In A Most Exciting Match

By "PAK LO"

Last night's game between Club "A" and 48 Brigade was without question one of the finest and most exciting matches seen in the Colony for a long time. Club deservedly won by 14 points (1 goal, 2 tries, 1 penalty goal) to 6 points (2 tries) in a fast and open match which was on a par with good club rugby in the UK.
The Club forwards proved a tower of strength for most of the game, though they tired a little in the closing minutes, but behind them they had a set of halves and three who were outstanding in every department.

A special mention goes to Cheong and Dalgleish—Cheong for his passing and good tackling, and Dalgleish for his telling and giving of passes, while making it all look so easy and simple into the bargain.

O'Kelly was again terrific, and he got a wonderful service from Taucok, and the Club three moved rapidly and well. The Brigade forwards were not quite so powerful as the Club in the loose, but their three played extremely well, though once again they hesitated a fraction of a second too long before passing, and against this hard-going Club side that was a fatal error.

Frantic Race

Club kicked off and attacked right from the start, but, after a few minutes, two good kicks by Brigade sent the ball over the Club line and Hill just won the frantic race to touch down the ball and give Brigade a three-point lead as the conversion was missed. 3-0.

Club pressed back harder than before and the Brigade were penalised on their own 25 and O'Kelly levelled the scores with a good kick from well out 3-3.

Despite steady and continual Club pressure the next score did not come until the closing minutes of the first half. It was ever seen in Hongkong. On his own 25 O'Kelly got the ball and broke through, by outpacing the Brigade covering three. He then found Dalgleish with a lovely pass.

Dalgleish dummed his way past a couple of men and sent the ball to Cheong who picked it up almost level with the ground, made some more ground and passed out to Cooke before he was forced to bite the dust. Cooke tore off like a rocket, out-paced the remaining defenders and ran round to ground the ball behind the posts. This was a gift for O'Kelly. 8-3.

Heavy Pressure

Club again put on the pressure in the second half, and O'Kelly and Dalgleish nearly broke through at one point. A few minutes later O'Kelly tried to go through on his own from

A Narrow Win

For Mexican Over Tough Opponent

Sydney, Dec. 9.
Mexican Sapo Ortega, 134½ pounds, narrowly defeated the Australian Featherweight Champion, Bobby Sinn, 134 pounds, on points at Sydney Stadium tonight.

Ortega survived a second-round knockdown to win against his tough, willing opponent in the 12-round bout.—United Press.

a five-yard scrum, but the Brigade defence held. The score had to come under this steady and heavy pressure; and about ten yards from the Brigade line there was a lineout.
The Club won and sent the ball to Dalgleish, who kicked a short way ahead for Inglis, the winger, to gather. Cheong quickly whipped outside Inglis, and was able to take a pass on the touch line as Inglis was tackled. Despite a last second Brigade tackle Cheong scored in the corner. O'Kelly just missed the conversion. 11-3.

Brigade still fighting like demons, Dalgleish got a pass and Sykes got to within five yards of the Club line before Brigade were sent reeling back. Once again they flung their weight into the attack, and Beck-Cox intercepted a pass and went to the Club 25, and then the Brigade forwards took it on to within five yards of the Club line.

There was a scrum and Club heeled ruggedly (for a change) and Hill came fast round the scrum to touch down the loose ball and give the Club 25, and then the Brigade forwards took it on to within five yards of the Club line.

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Gradually after this setback Club went into the attack again, and on the Brigade 25 the Club sent the ball clearly back from a lineout and O'Kelly drew two of the Brigade three towards him, and when they were on top of him kicked the ball along the ground for Dalgleish to gather perfectly and score near the posts. O'Kelly touched the ball before he kicked and the referee correctly disallowed the kick to make the final score 14-6.

Although Club "A" fully deserved this win it must never

be imagined for a minute that Brigade were in any way disgraced, and though this settles the Brigade place in the table, it still leaves open the top spot, for though Club are new in that position, Garrison have still a game in hand, and should win it easily. IF they get around to playing off their outstanding fixtures.

WORLD CUP

A Ban On Naturalised Players?

London, Dec. 9.
The British Football Association decided today to ask the International Federation to bar naturalised players from competing on behalf of their adopted countries in the World Cup Tournament.

The Association at its Council meeting here also decided to present to the International Federation at its Congress next June a resolution aimed at preventing football scouts from attempting to lure players while they are under contract.

Under present world soccer regulations, naturalised players can play for their adopted country in World Cup competition after filing a three years' residence requirement in that country.

The British Association will propose that after 1958 players will be able to compete solely for their native country.—France-Press.

A Remarkable Show Of Courage

Lewis Wins Vacant Crown

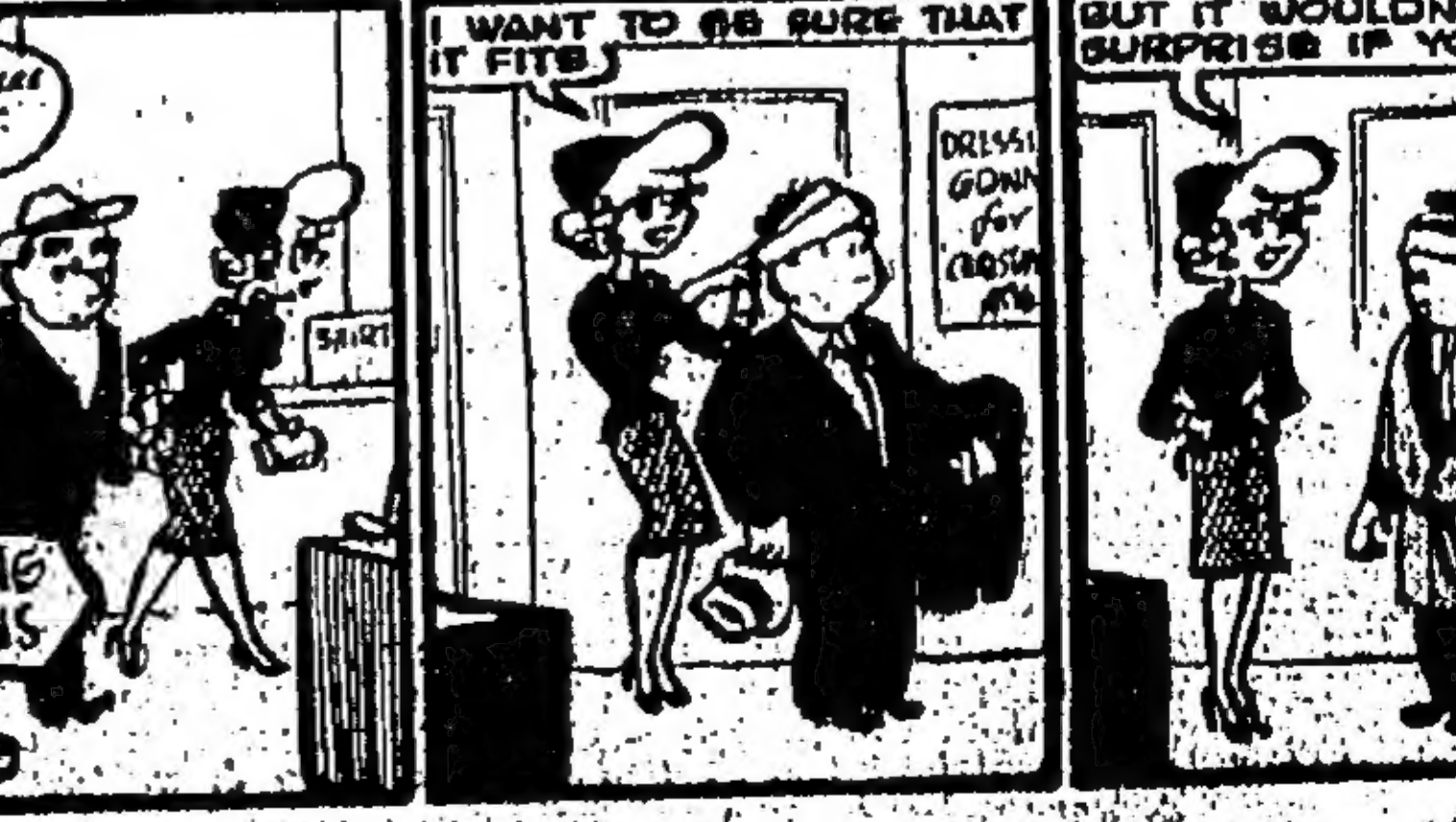
Nottingham, Dec. 9.
Trinidad's Percy Lewis won the vacant British Empire Featherweight boxing title here tonight when he scored a technical knockout over Scotland's Charlie Hill in the 10th round of a scheduled 15-round bout in the Ice Palace.

Floored Nine Times.
The bout was a remarkable show of courage by Hill, who was floored nine times and was still trying, to continue the fight when the referee stopped it in the 10th to save him further punishment.

Lewis, who is aged 29 and turned professional only four years ago, capitalised on a wicked left hook to win the crown, which was vacated by Nigeria's "Kid" Bassey when he won the world title.—France-Press.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry App Rely



Cut These Friendlies

Says STANLEY MATTHEWS

I think the Football League are right in trying to cut down on trips abroad by English clubs.

There have been too many of them lately and you can expect a closer watch in the future.

It has always puzzled me why many of these games—on Sundays—have been allowed in the past.

Why should the League allow clubs to play Sunday games on the Continent but ban Sunday play in England? It is not consistent.

I hope we never adopt in England the Continental practice of big games on Sundays.

Off The Rails

While they are thinking of cutting down trips abroad, the League should also pay attention to the increase in floodlit games. Are we not going off the rails in this mad scramble to get in as much football as we can through the week?

I think the lights are a wonderful innovation. When they were first switched on crowds rushed through the turnstiles. It became a goldmine.

But the gold is running out—the novelty is wearing off.

Gates are getting poor—only 14,000 saw Newcastle play Hearts in Edinburgh in mid-week—but the rush to fix up floodlit friendlies and exhibitions goes on.

I know that installing floodlights costs quite a bit of cash and clubs have got to get it back through the turnstiles, but it is being overdone.

Crowd-Pullers

Give me the lights every time for mid-week League and Cup games. They will still draw the crowds, just like any big game.

There were 47,000 at Goodison for our mid-week game with Everton, and Bury had their best gate of the season when they met Bishop Auckland in the Cup replay—both under lights.

Manchester United drew 60,000 for their European Cup game with Dukla.

The lights can also be useful for delaying the Saturday kick-off to three o'clock, so that more fans can get to the game.

But, as many clubs are finding out, they must produce the goods to get the crowds.

Use lights with discretion, otherwise the bored crowds will put those same lights right out.

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A NEW STAR IS BORN

And He Will Live Down That Tag Of "Another Stanley Matthews"

Says TOM FINNEY

For years soccer fans have been saying that there will never be another Stanley Matthews.

They are right. But I'm happy to say that English football has now produced the nearest thing to Stanley Matthews we are ever likely to see—Bryan Douglas of Blackburn.

I think Bryan is good enough to live down the unwanted tag of "a second Matthews." He will, I predict, make his own way as "Bryan Douglas the First of Blackburn."

I know how Bryan must feel when the sportswriters dub him another Matthews. Immediately after the war I was faced with the same sort of publicity, despite the fact that Stan and I are completely different in style.

I had heard a lot about Bryan Douglas because Blackburn is very close to Preston. I knew from all reports what a good player he was. Now I have been able to study England's latest soccer sensation at close quarters.

No Imitation

Make no mistake, Douglas resembles Stan Matthews closely in many respects. He is, like Stan, a natural ball player. Like Stan he doesn't get rid of the ball just for the sake of it. He is always trying to create openings either by beating his man or by pulling a defender out of the middle.

Like Matthews, his favourite trick is to feint to come inside the back, and then swoop away outside the back down the touchline.

In many ways he looks like Matthews in the way he does beat his man. But Bryan Douglas is a footballer in his own right, not just a pale imitation of Stan.

I like the way Douglas comes inside the back at times to vary his play; he has a smart way of suddenly darting across the field into an open space for a shot at goal. Maybe he inherited

this trick from his old days as an inside forward. Douglas can use either foot and he can shoot.

I think it is a great thing for English football that we can produce another ball-playing right winger who, without being a Matthews, is still in the Matthews style.

And don't think I am joining in the chorus that Stan Matthews is finished. Not on your life. I am merely saying that England has found another fine right-winger—and good luck to Bryan Douglas for having the courage to play in the way he does, at a time when so many unthinking fans are shouting for wingers to get rid of the ball.

Douglas only does that when he is sure to part with it to good effect—and that's the way the game should be played!

Shinguard Shindig

A big talking point in soccer these days is: should shinguards be worn or are they unnecessary?

Many players now feel that they should, like the Continental footballers, shed shinguards and so lighten their weight.

I believe Tommy Taylor, Manchester United and England centre-forward, doesn't use shin

pads. Roger Byrne, of Manchester United and England, and his teammate, Jackie Blanchflower, have also tried this method.

Frank O'Farrell, Preston wing-half, has played at times without pads; and Don Revie, the Sunderland and England star, has also said that he might try the idea.

Many footballers believe that pads are not much use really, because most of the kicks you get are on the side of the legs. It is also argued that they are not much use in games against Continental teams who do not tackle so fiercely as our lads.

The idea of playing without pads is that it gives players greater freedom, and they can move more quickly without the weight on their legs.

I don't share this view at all. I wear pads because I feel I need them.

Plenty of Kicks

As a centre-forward I've found I get plenty of kicks on the shins. The chap who is tackling does not always have to worry so much about this. He kicks out at the ball—and if the ball has been passed—bang! you take it on the shin.

I don't suggest this is always a foul. It's just a question of playing hard and taking the knocks. I've had plenty of bruises and skin broken on my shins, even with pad protection.

Many players get knocks on the shins in practice matches where one does not normally wear pads. These are pure accidents, and yet a player can get a really nasty knock.

The modern pads weigh no more than two to three ounces, so I don't see how they can slow down a player very much once he has got used to wearing them.

I don't wish to appear a cissy, but despite arguments about streamlining players, I still wear shin pads and I will continue to do so long as I play.

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HUNGARY WINS

Heleinki, Dec. 9. Hungary defeated Finland 5-0 in an international table tennis contest here tonight. — Reuter.

China Going In Seriously For Sports

Tokyo, Dec. 9.

China is going in seriously for sports, the Chinese Communist organ, the People's Daily, states.

The report, broadcast by Radio Peking, said 105 spare-time sports training clubs have been set up for children and young people in 60 cities in various part of China.

It said that since 1955 more than 10,000 children and young people have joined these clubs, which are now established in Peking, Tientsin, Shanghai and 83 other cities.

Trainees are given three to four hours of theoretical training and practical coaching every week.

The courses include track and field events, gymnastics, swimming, soccer, basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton, table tennis, skating, skiing, weightlifting, cycling, water polo and ice hockey, the report said.

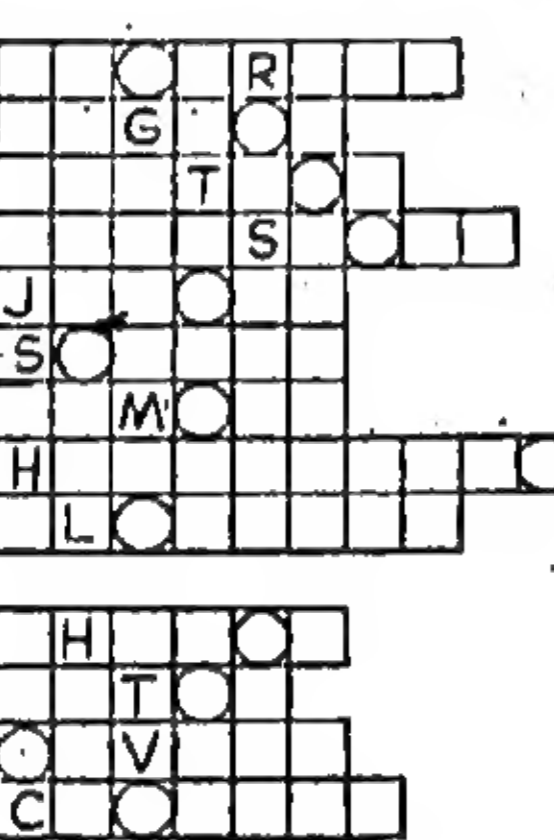
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- 3 On the wall?
- 4 Where monks live
- 5 Ship building town
- 6 They came from Germany
- 7 English river
- 8 Refutes to the past
- 9 Such an office job
- 10 Northern fishing town
- 11 Did they make sacks?
- 12 Conscientious
- 13 Early English poet

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?



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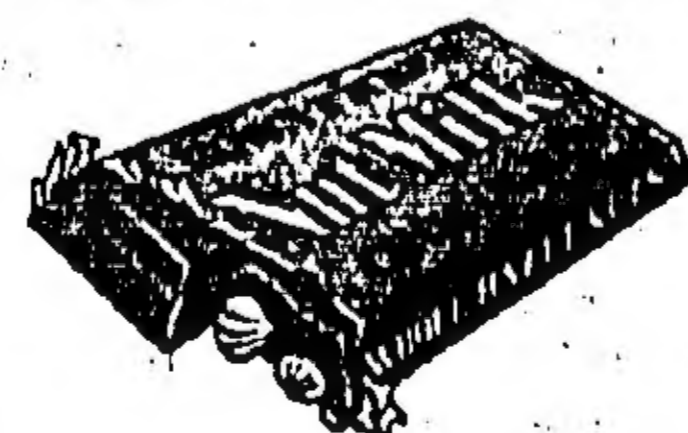
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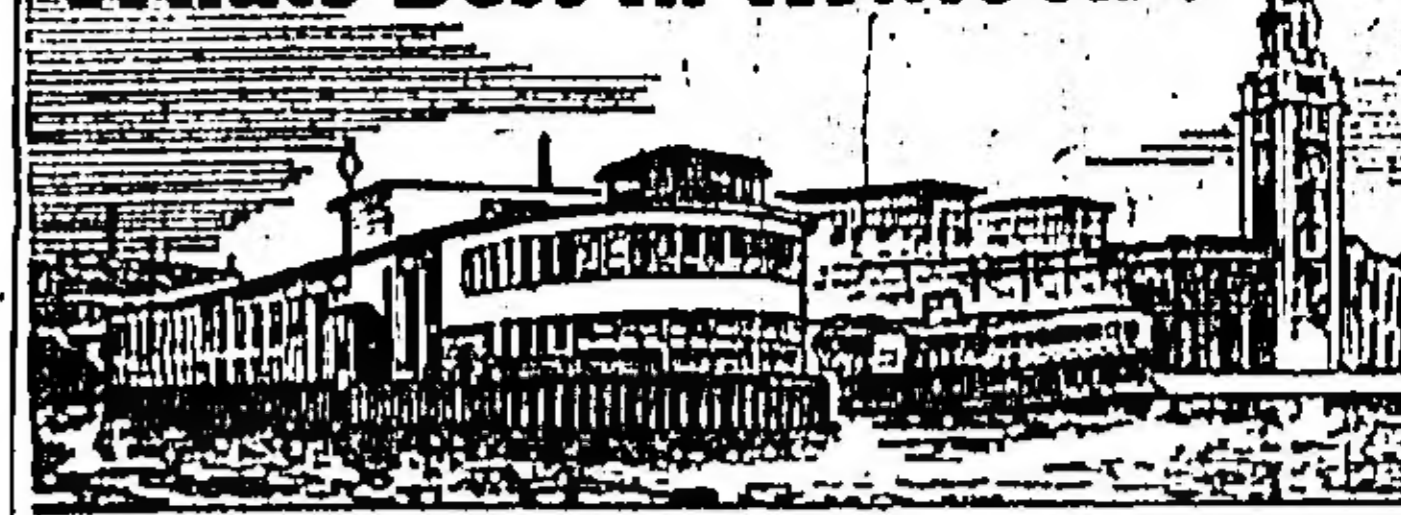
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Czechs Decentralise Economy

By MICHAEL WEIGALL

Prague, Dec. 9. **CZECHOSLOVAK** officials are busy working out details of a sweeping plan to reorganise the highly industrialised economy of this Communist state.

In the biggest reorganisation of the economy since 1948, responsibility for everyday affairs is for the first time to be shifted from the hitherto all-powerful Ministries in Prague to enterprises and regional organs, the national committees.

The plan follows the changes recently introduced by the Soviet Communist party chief, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, in the Soviet Union. It was approved at a recent meeting of the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist party.

Reorganised

In the wake of greater power for local officials and factory managements, Prague Ministries are to be thoroughly reorganised, their number reduced and as many as 50 per cent of "white-collar" workers in some of them ordered to find productive work away from the capital to help remove persistent "serious shortcomings" said to beset the economy.

The aim of the changes, which will affect also long-term planning methods, is to give greater flexibility at the helm and "increase the share of the working people in the management of the economy."

According to Mr. Antonin Novotny, the Communist party leader, Czechoslovakia must rid herself of the "discrepancy between the level of development of the national economy which has been achieved and the quality of its management."

Communist party officials have complained that until the initiative of the workers has been suppressed.

But there is to be no increase in the workers' share in the actual running of the factories. Factory managements and the newly-elected national committees to whom the powers are being transferred will be urged to make more use of workers' experience by frequent consultation with the trade union.

Anarchy
Like the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia has turned down the Workers' Council as a means of giving the worker more interest in his factory. In a veiled attack on this Yugoslav innovation, the Prime Minister, Mr. Vlastislav Strosil, said in a speech: "We are not in such a situation that we need basically new and different forms of workers' participation in the production and management of enterprises."

The Czechoslovaks criticise the system of Workers' Councils as carrying decentralisation too far and sowing the seeds of possible chaos and anarchy. Mr. Strosil added that forms of workers' participation in management already exist here.

They include technical conferences, factory councils, and trade union meetings dealing with welfare, wage rates, accidents and other problems.

Under earlier measures of decentralisation national committees today direct about 25 per cent of the labour force, 22 per cent of the national wage fund and about 22 per cent of investment construction. They are now to receive further wide powers because they are "closest to the masses of the people and know their requirements best."

Heads of factories will for the first time have powers to deal independently from Prague with many problems, including the purchase of raw materials and the marketing of their product "where appropriate."

To avoid time gaps in deliveries, which have often caused bottlenecks, a regrouping of industry is also to take place. This is aimed at putting all plants producing parts of the same finished product under an unified command. Hitherto, responsibility for factories continuing to the same committee article was often divided among several Ministries, with the result that, for instance, motor-car production could be held up merely through delays in the delivery of a minor component. Like gear shift levers, beyond the control of the official responsible for marketing the car.

Encourage
Part of the trouble, according to Communist officials, has been the system of paying a bonus to workers in a branch of an industry as soon as its individual target was fulfilled, thus giving workers no interest in the overall picture. Under the reform, the bonus is to be paid, it is said, only on the basis of the fulfilment of the plan for the production of the completed product. It is hoped that this will encourage greater synchronisation in the efforts of workers throughout any particular industry.

At the same time, Ministries dealing with economic affairs are to be reduced to "small, highly qualified units, primarily concerned with the future development of individual branches (of industry and trade), their economic management and control." The scope of the planned reform can be seen when it is realised that no less than 21 out of 31 Ministries in the Czechoslovak Government are concerned with economic affairs.

The last major reduction in the number of Ministries took place in 1956, after a nation-wide Communist party conference, when ten Ministries were merged into four. On August 1, 1957, a Government decree abolished the Ministry for Manpower, whose functions were handed over to local authorities.

Over 10,000 "white-collar" workers from Ministries in Prague were last year moved from their desks and cups of coffee, and sent to work on the production line. But the Communist press complained only a few months later that investigation had shown that a majority of the ousted bureaucrats, far

from settling down in industrial work, had managed to find new desk jobs in the factories to which they were assigned.

Envisaged

Other changes envisaged include alterations in planning methods, with new five-year plans on which the five-year plans will be based. There is also to be more elasticity in year to year planning, and a transfer to the National Committees of the task of working out many of the details hitherto attended to by the Ministries.

In addition to bottlenecks, Czechoslovak press and officials have complained of a failure to reduce costs and of other shortcomings in engineering and many other branches as well as serious absenteeism, especially among coalminers.

According to Mr. Strosil, one of the most serious shortcomings continues to be the secondary role played in the economy by finance and credit. He said that in future these would be used to force a greater sense of responsibility on enterprises. With this aim, and to make the most of the "capitalist" principle of profit and loss, there is to be a reform in state-controlled wholesale prices at the New Year. These will stand in

better relationship to costs of production enabling the Government to judge more accurately how profitable, or otherwise, are their undertakings.

In spite of shortcomings, however, the overall economic situation of the country is believed to be relatively sound, and statistics for the first half of the year show increased production in nearly all branches of the economy, though these in some cases were not as great as originally planned.

Production

Industrial production went up by 9.5 per cent during the first six months of last year, while the public spent \$2,200 million on consumer goods, a rise of 13.7 per cent compared with the corresponding period of 1956.

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There are also three necklaces with gold beads, a gold diadem, a gold belt, brooches, tiny gold boxes from the fifth century BC, silver pins and safety pins, and a number of clay objects, including a statuette of Mercury, probably a copy of a famous piece by the sculptor, Onatas.

Two round mirrors dating back to the fourth century BC have covers depicting Hercules and other warriors, while four Phoenician jars belong to the fifth century BC.

Mrs. Stathakou's collection includes ancient Byzantine and post-Byzantine jewellery and statuettes.—China Mail Special.

BYZANTINE JEWELLERY SHOWN AT MUSEUM

Athens, Dec. 9. The National Archaeological Museum of Athens has acquired an unique collection of ancient Greek and Byzantine jewellery of great archaeological and artistic value.

The collection was given by a wealthy Athens lady, Mrs. Helen Stathakou, who has spent 40 years gathering and sorting out ancient jewellery found in various parts of Greece. She personally arranged her finds, displayed in a special room of the Museum.

One group includes Minoan earrings with representations of a goddess, a golden "cor-plek" and a geometric-style amphora of the Eighth Century BC with designs from a horse race.

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THE LONDON BOBBY AND THE COWBOY

MOST of you will not need a review of "The Blue Lamp," opening at the Queen's and Alhambra as you must have seen it the first time it came round.

It is considered one of the best British films made, and I find no reason to quarrel with that opinion.

What stands out is the fine acting associated with Jack Warner and Jimmy Hanley who represent the old-time copper and the young recruit.

Interest, even in the opening sequences of the film is the pep behind the scenes stuff. The police chase the crooks, the routine relation to petty crimes, the young recruit's raw mistakes in recognising the "plain clothes" man while on duty.

Outside the law, we meet Peggy Evans, as the girl who is tired of her home and who seeks easy money and living, and Dirk Bogarde, in the role of a young crook.

The film earned favourable comment on its first showing for the intense excitement it built up as it progressed along the plot.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

The November Gain Continues, But... Gold Surplus Causes No Elation Businessmen Are "Frankly Disappointed"

By RONALD BOXALL

London, Dec. 9.

The November gold gain continued the recovery that began with the raising of the bank rate to seven per cent on December 19. But the \$92 million surplus caused no elation; the Treasury called it merely "satisfactory" and the City was frankly disappointed.

If businessmen built up "exaggerated" expectations as Treasury officials say, the fault lies with the Ministers whose public statements encouraged hopes of something much better. Compared with October's inflow of \$243 million, the November gain was indeed disappointing. And last month's deficit with Western Europe has come in for critical notice too.

There may be technical reasons why the November gain was not bigger, but the City is less concerned with these than with the fact that in the past two months the Sterling area has retained only a third of its gold losses in August and September.

Thoughts now turn to the months ahead, and here there are reasonable grounds for optimism. The first six months of the year is the "seasonally favourable" period for Sterling when the reserves are normally being built up against the seasonal drains of the second half-year.

Decision

Before then, however, the British Government must decide whether it will ask for a deferment of the annual instalment of capital and interest on the North American postwar loans which falls due on the last day of the year.

No decision has yet been taken, but the possibility of a deferment is by no means ruled out. If the instalment is deferred, December should see a further gain in the reserves; otherwise the \$170 million repayment will almost certainly offset any gain on the commercial account, especially as the month begins with a \$2 million payment to the BPU in part settlement of November's deficit with Western Europe.

Meanwhile, a case is being built up for a fairly early reduction in the bank rate. On the positive side, the seven per cent bank rate undoubtedly helped to restore confidence in Sterling by demonstrating to foreign opinion that the British Government was prepared to take painful and unpopular measures to combat inflation.

But there is a negative side too. For despite the present high interest rates in London, the recent gains appear to have resulted more from the closing of bear accounts against Sterling than from an inflow of investment funds into London.

Weapon

It has been argued from this that a seven per cent bank rate is no longer necessary. The question that is being asked is: Has the high bank rate already outlived its usefulness? Ever more to the point: Is it now a definite liability?

A sharp rise in the bank rate has proved itself a powerful weapon in an "external" crisis. But the maintenance of a high bank rate after the first salutary effect of a "shock" increase merely increases the cost of servicing Britain's heavy overseas debts and places a heavy burden on the internal economy. This would be tolerable if it was the only way to maintain confidence in Sterling. But it is not.

An article in the London and Cambridge Economic Bulletin by two distinguished economists says that as a price to pay for a short time to save Sterling from a speculative run, a seven per cent bank rate may well be worth while. "But," it continues, "it is not worth incurring over a longer period for the relatively slight

effects it seems likely to have on the internal situation, because nearly all the gains could, in fact, be achieved in other more certain and so far as our external position goes much cheaper ways."

But even assuming that a lowering of the bank rate now would not lead to resumed speculation against the pound, the Government is not likely to take the risk just yet.

The London and Cambridge Bulletin writers themselves recognise that there is a risk. A reduction in the bank rate, they say, need not imply any slackening in the internal anti-inflationary measures. The Government should make it clear that the bank rate is primarily relevant to the external position; otherwise "the public will certainly be confused about it."

Unfortunately, the London and Cambridge economists do not tell us how to prevent ordinary people, including 10 million trade unionists, from regarding a reduction in the bank rate as an official indication that all our troubles are over.

"The Government is much more likely to take the view expressed this week by Sir Oscar Hobson in 'The Banker'."

"But for the tense wage situation," he writes, "some relaxation (of the credit squeeze) might already be justified. As it is, I feel that it would be dangerous to show what might be regarded as a green light while the wage struggle is on."

The best bet is that there will be no reduction in the bank rate for the time being—possibly not even until the budget in April.—Express Service.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Dec. 9.
World No. 4 sugar futures closed today 3 points lower to 5 points higher with sales of 151 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point lower with no sales reported.

World contract trading was largely routine, originating between trade interests while the market awaited further developments.

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RANGOON WAR MEMORIAL

London, Dec. 9. A Rangoon memorial to 27,000 officers and men of the Commonwealth land forces who died in Burma and Assam during the second world war "and were denied the customary rights of burial or cremation" is to be unveiled on February 9, it was announced here today.

It stands in the Taunggyan War Cemetery 20 miles to the north of Rangoon—two long open garden courts flanked by covered walks and joined in the middle by an open rotunda.

The names of the dead are engraved on rectangular plaques on the inner sides of the covered walks.

There is an inscription in English, Burmese, Hindi, Urdu and Gurmukhi.

An additional 6,400 comrades of the men in whose honour the memorial has been built are commemorated on the graves in the war cemetery in which it stands.

CONCENTRATED

These graves are largely those concentrated from the battlefield cemeteries at Akyab, Mandalay, Meiktila, and Sittoung, who were killed more recently from the jungle.

A further 1,049 officers and men of the undivided Indian Army who were cremated have their names on their own memorial.

Among the dead are 22,831 from India and Pakistan, 3,299 from the United Kingdom, 1,793 from West Africa, 745 from East Africa, 56 from Canada, 49 from South Africa, 39 from Southern Rhodesia and 34 from Australia.

The memorial has been built by the Imperial War Graves Commission to the design of Mr W. Brown. It will be unveiled by General Sir Francis Festing, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces.—Reuter.

Canberra Sets New Record

Singapore, Dec. 9. A Royal Australian Air Force Canberra jet bomber made an emergency landing at Lebar Commercial Airport today after a record-breaking flight from Darwin.

The bomber, which carried no bombs, developed a brake fault while nearing Singapore. Scheduled to land at RAF Changi Aerodrome, the bomber instead streaked down to a perfect landing on the longer runway of the commercial airport while the fire brigade and ambulances stood by.

The Canberra made the Darwin-Singapore flight in three hours fifty-five minutes—seventeen minutes better than the old unofficial record.—United Press.

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TITO A WORRIED MAN

Differences In Communist Camp

By K. C. THALER

London, Dec. 9. Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia was today authoritatively reported to be a "very worried man."

New Eastern ill-winds were understood to have fanned the political fire which kept the Yugoslav leader from attending the Moscow rally of Communist leaders a fortnight ago.

Diplomatic dispatches reported that much "soft searching" was currently going on at the Adriatic retreat of Brioni, where Marshal Tito has been closeted with his chief aides since their return from Moscow talks.

An eloquent diplomatic silence has marked Belgrade's uneasiness since the Yugoslav leaders failed to underwrite the 12-nation November Communist manifesto in Moscow which reasserted the Soviet claim to map the road for Communist regimes.

Closed Doors

Marshal Tito has been reported conferring behind closed doors on Brioni Island for days on end with his vice-premiers, Edvard Kardelj and M. Rankovic, who went to Moscow for the October Revolution anniversary celebrations and stayed for private talks with the Soviet Party Secretary, Nikita Khrushchev.

They did not sign the 12-nation Communist declaration by which Moscow lined up her allies in agreement on an ominous "common Socialist road."

MURDER TRIAL ADJOURNED

Hearing of the trial for murder against Fung Fuk-yiu, 30, unemployed, was adjourned to 10 a.m. on Thursday by Mr Justice Scholes in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The Defence Counsel, Mr Victor Gittins, who was instructed by Mr D. B. Evans of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, told the Court that the Defence was not ready as yet to proceed, and asked for an adjournment until Thursday.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, raised no objection.

A Jury of five men and two women was empanelled.

Fung is charged with the murder of Fung Lok-ling in a resettlement area in Kowloon on September 15 last.

Yugoslavia's leaders have since been in a quandary over the possible repercussions and on Marshal Tito's balancing act between East and West, the reports said.

They worry about the uncertainty and unpredictability of Russia's next move. The question is: Will Moscow leave Yugoslavia alone, or is Party Secretary Khrushchev merely biding his time and awaiting an opportunity to hit out?

Shocked

Latest diplomatic dispatches said President Tito remained as anxious as ever to avoid power-bloc alignment, a policy which has raised Yugoslavia from the modest status of a Danubian State to the fringe of big power politics.

Marshal Tito is said to have felt deeply shocked and offended by the sacking of Marshal Georgi Zhukov, which appeared to have been engineered by Mr Khrushchev during the Marshal's official tour of Yugoslavia.

Furthermore, the whole pattern of Communist liberalisation in the satellites has been put in question once more by the latest Moscow declaration.

Marshal Tito appears worried in particular over two major Soviet policy trends:

★ An apparent new stiffening of Russia's ideological and external policies.

★ The bolstering emphasis of Mr Khrushchev on rocketry and his claim of an alleged shift to the Soviet bloc of the international balance of power.

Blocking

The Moscow 12-nation declaration, which allowed for "national peculiarities" in Communist regimes, is seen to have in effect declared war on ideological "revisionism", which is another way of blocking Marshal Tito's policy of independence from the Soviet bloc.

The strong Moscow-inspired emphasis on the need to combat "revisionism" in the Red camp is apparently intended to keep the issue alive for a possible renewed onslaught on Yugoslavia if and when the Soviet deems it desirable.—United Press.

WARNING ON NAVY CUT-BACK

Glasgow, Dec. 9.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Selkirk, said here today that at the end of the Government's five-year period of defence run-down the British Navy would probably be "rather bigger" than it was just over 20 years ago.

While it would be "quite crazy to arm ourselves into bankruptcy", navies were being built up in many countries abroad, and the steady and immense growth of the Russian fleet was the supreme example.

Lord Selkirk added: "If we ever reach the stage when this country and its allies are no longer able to control the communications which the sea can provide, then indeed will be the mercy of this country be at the mercy of any country that can control these communications."—Reuter.

Two-Headed Lamb

Evreux, Dec. 9.

A lamb with two heads was born today a flock of sheep belonging to M. Lamot at Emarville near here.

The lamb drinks milk with either one of its two mouths, depending on its choice—but it bleats with both at once.—France-Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Doctor, when I go back to school I'll hate to tell my friends I had plain old tonsillitis—how about Asiatic flu?"

NEW YORK HIT BY RAIL STRIKE

New York, Dec. 9.

The worst subway strike in New York history hit five million straphangers today and tied up the city in a rush hour jam that slowed traffic to a snail's pace.

In nearly 15 hours after 2,600 motormen walked out to protest against the furling of four leaders and back up demands for a union contract, strike leaders announced the stoppage would go on until the workers got what they wanted.

The strike cut sharply into the Christmas shopping rush, clogged streets with bumper-to-bumper traffic, jammed buses and hampered rail and air operations.

Some workers were as much as five hours late driving to their jobs and then were sent home early to avoid the evening crush. Taxicab regulations were relaxed to allow drivers to carry as many fares as their cabs would hold.

Emergency

Special pickpocket details were put on duty to protect crowds. Police and transit authority switchboards were jammed with calls.

Police declared a state of emergency in Pennsylvania Station at the height of the evening crush to cope with elbowing crowds. A bomb scare swept a nearby underground station and the possibility of sabotage was investigated in a mishap under Pennsylvania Station.

Workers caught in morning traffic jams on the way to work found out they had not seen anything yet when they started home this evening. Even though some businesses and all city offices were closed early, a mammoth traffic jam developed around 4 p.m. and lasted for hours.

The metropolis moved at a snail's pace as police reported every major parkway, boulevard and street clogged with homeward bound traffic.

Arrivals in the city in the morning had been staggered, but most persons left for home at about the same time.

Extra Trains

Every bus in the city was pressed into service to carry persons who usually ride underground the Long Island railway put on 12 extra trains. Firemen were kept on duty overtime in case of a rush-hour emergency. At one point, a city official said the situation was "almost out of control."

Ethiopia Dispute Procedure Not Settled

United Nations, Dec. 9.

Italy and Ethiopia told the US trusteeship Committee today they could not agree on procedure for settling a dispute over the border between Somaliland and Ethiopia.

The Italian delegate, Alberto de Clemente, said his Government had been unable to reach any agreement with the Addis Ababa Government on the question.

He recalled that a General Assembly resolution in 1950 recommended mediation and, if necessary, arbitration in event of a deadlock. He indicated that Italy favoured mediation as the next step.

The Ethiopian delegate, Ato Yilma Dereessa, said his Government favoured resort to arbitration rather than mediation since negotiations during the last two years had determined that the problem was juridical in nature instead of political.

At Syria's suggestion the Committee agreed to defer discussion until a later date, which may be specified "tomorrow."—United Press.

Air Week

Canberra, Dec. 9.

Six Australian-built Royal Australian Air Force Canberra jet bombers will take part in the "Air Week" in Manila this month, it was announced here today.

They will fly to the Philippines via Darwin on December 12 and 13 and will remain five days.—France-Press.

ANGLO-US ROCKET DEFENCE

By JOSEPH W. GRIGG

London, Dec. 9. The US Defence Secretary, Neil H. McElroy, held intensive day-long talks with British Government chiefs today on rocket warfare defence.

A communique issued after the talks said that an agreement between the United States and Britain for the stationing of intermediate range ballistic missiles (IRBMs) in this country was hoped for shortly.

Mr McElroy met the British Defence Minister, Duncan Sandys, Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan. Informal sources said the talks concentrated on a programme designed to establish four American rocket bases in Britain for 1,500-mile IRBMs.

INTERDEPENDENCE

The communique said Mr McElroy and Mr Sandys had discussed measures in their field "to give effect to the principle of interdependence" enunciated at the Bermuda talks between President Eisenhower and Mr Macmillan.

"They also reviewed the progress of plans initiated at the Bermuda conference for supplying to Britain US intermediate range ballistic missiles with particular reference to the recent acceleration of the production schedule," the communique said.

"It is hoped to finalise the agreement very shortly," it added.

The statement said Mr McElroy and Mr Sandys also discussed wider problems of defence throughout the free world.—United Press.

ECONOMIC AID FOR JORDAN

Amman, Dec. 9.

Jordan today received \$10 million (about £3,570,000) from the United States.

The American grant for economic aid had brought the total of United States aid to Jordan since last May to \$40 million including \$10 million in military aid.

FURTHER GRANT

Representatives of both countries met here today to discuss a further American grant of \$10 million scheduled for next year, a Government spokesman said.

An investment sum of £20,500 was also received by Jordan today as Syria's contribution to Arab Postage—a project for exploiting Dead Sea minerals.

The project has a capital of £25 million divided among Jordan, Syria, the Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, all of whom have now paid their shares.—Reuter.

SPUTNIK I TO DIE IN JANUARY

London, Dec. 9.

Russia's first artificial earth satellite will stop circulating around the earth sometime next month.

Moscow Radio said tonight.

The broadcast, heard here, said that "according to present calculations" Sputnik I "will end its existence in January, 1958."

In another broadcast, Moscow Radio said the first Sputnik had completed 1,000 revolutions around the earth covering 20,827,200 miles, three-quarters of the distance to Mars at its furthest point and "enough for more than 100 trips to the moon, the broadcast said.—Reuter.

ENGINEER TESTIFIES IN FRAUD CHARGE CASE

Mr R. Pearce, garrison engineer at Shumshuipo, testified at the trial of two contractors on fraud charges this morning that he had inspected the paint stores during the work involved in the charges and had found that the paint had not been tampered with.

The case is being heard before Judge K.R. Macfee at the Victoria District Court.

The accused are Reginald Hudson Felgate, 66, of London, residing at room 552 Gloucester Hotel, and Zee Kar-way, 42, of Shanghai, residing at 228 Gloucester Road, second floor.

The charges allege that Felgate and Zee obtained \$16,000, \$20,700, \$23,000 and \$5,000 from the War Department on or about March 28, May 6, June 21 and June 28 respectively.

Accusations

The two are accused of falsely pretending that paint specified in the terms of a contract had been used for painting buildings in the Shumshuipo Army camp, whereas in fact paint other than those specified were used.

The two are defended by Mr D.L. Wright, instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart, of J. C. Stewart and Co. Mr D. F. O. Mayne, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting.

Cross-examined this morning, Mr Pearce said his duties included those of superintending officer in connection with painting contracts.

A Corporal Saunders was one of his deputy clerks of works. The corporal was given part of the contract to supervise. The latter's duty was also to see that the paint was properly applied to the various buildings and record anything of interest during the work.

The corporal was also responsible for seeing that the workmen collected their paint from the stores, Mr Pearce continued.

Witness said his own duties included the inspection of the stock which he would check the paint in store and the register to see that the system of work was properly run.

Inspection

He inspected these stores about every other day. During the work in connection with the contract which was the subject matter of the charges, he did inspect the stores, and was satisfied that there was no evidence that the paint there had been tampered with.

Asked if it was correct to say that the paint was actually kept in the custody of the Army authorities in the camp, Mr Pearce said it was controlled by the clerk of works. This person only issued paint according to the daily requirements of the work, and kept the key to the paint stores.

Delivered

No unauthorized person was allowed there, witness continued. He agreed that before the paint was issued, it was in the exclusive custody and control of the Army authorities.

Mr Pearce said the paint was delivered to the Army stores by the manufacturers' agents. The painting contractor only got hold of the paint when it was issued to him by the clerk of works. The contractor did not handle the bulk.

Regarding the work involved in the contract in the present case, witness said he did try to keep in touch with its progress every day.

The work appeared to progress well, except in certain parts where it did not appear to be up to standard. Whenever this happened, he would call the contractor's attention to it, and the matter would be put right to his satisfaction.

Correspondence

Questioned on the procedure of obtaining payments for paint work by contractors, Mr Pearce said correspondence in this connection would go to the Deputy Commander, Royal Engineers, who would instruct him (witness) to assess the value of the payment to be made.

Hearing is continuing.

Pen Stolen

A Chinese was arrested by the Police on suspicion of having stolen a fountain pen from a pedestrian in Wing Lok Street, Kowloon, at about 10.15 p.m. yesterday. The robbers were unarmed.

Girl Arrested

The Police arrested a Chinese girl following the theft of a purse from a woman pedestrian in Nathan Road, at about 5.30 p.m. yesterday.

Prince Charles To Enter Services

London, Dec. 10.

PRINCE CHARLES, nine-year-old heir to the throne, is destined to serve in all three fighting services, the Daily Herald reports today.

But the newspaper declares that the Royal Air Force will be his "main career."

A front page story in the Daily Herald says that the Duke of Edinburgh has put his son's name down for the RAF College at Cranwell.

The report adds that the Queen has told high-ranking officers that, according to tradition as heir to the throne, Prince Charles must have army training.

And his great-uncle, Earl Mountbatten, the First Sea Lord has also been promised that Prince Charles will have naval training.

The Daily Herald says that the plan for the young Prince to train in all three services "is a compromise between the views" of those close to him.—Reuter.

HAWKERS ARRESTED

Two hawkers, Lam Shiu-

sum, 30, and Lam Chuen, 28, were fined \$200 or two months' imprisonment by Mr D. L. P. Edwards at the Marine Court this morning when they were found guilty of unlawful boarding.

Sub-inspector C.Y. Chan appeared for the prosecution. Sub-inspector C. Reigate testified that at about 10.30 a.m. on December 8 he boarded the steamer Krukan at Buoy B13 for a routine check. While making his way to the stern of the vessel he saw the two defendants come out of and approach him from a corridor. When they saw him, he said, they turned and ran towards the stern of the ship.

SI Reigate said he told the coxswain of a Police launch to arrest them.

The coxswain, PC3499, Yum Kuen-kou said that on instructions from SI Reigate he arrested the two defendants who had climbed down onto a junk alongside the steamer.

Peak Burglary

A man broke into No. 27, The Peak shortly before 4 o'clock this morning and stole a sum of money.

A resident of the house was awakened by the noise the burglar made and immediately gave chase. The intruder, however, managed to escape through a window.

Girl Injured

A five-year-old girl Choi Yuet-hung was knocked down and seriously injured by a cyclist outside her home at No. 8, San Lau Street, shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The injured child was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

Woman Robbed

Two Chinese robbed a woman of her wrist watch on the stairs of No. 239, Fa Yuet Street, Kowloon, at about 10.15 p.m. yesterday. The robbers were unarmed.

Girl Arrested

The Police arrested a Chinese girl following the theft of a purse from a woman pedestrian in Nathan Road, at about 5.30 p.m. yesterday.